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FIRST MADE-IN-INDIA INTRANASAL COVID VACCINE INCOVACC LAUNCHED

NEW DELHI: Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Science and Technology Minister Jitendra Singh launched Bharat Biotech's nasal Covid vaccine, iNCOVACC, on the occasion of Republic Day on Thursday. According to a statement issued by Bharat Biotech earlier, 'iNCOVACC' is priced at ₹800 for private markets and at ₹325 for supplies to the government of India and state governments.

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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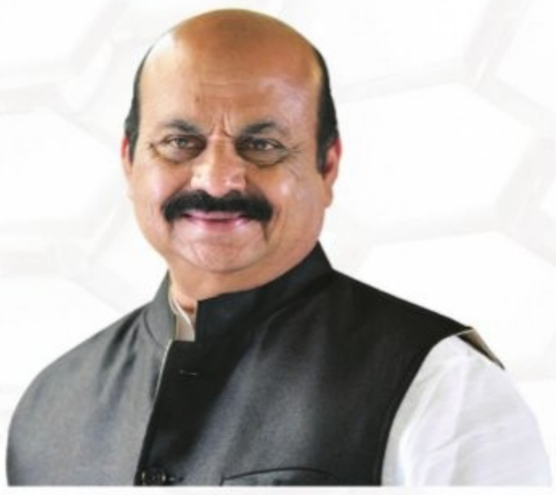

Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

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Ritu: Sishira • Masa: Magha • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Shashti 3.12 pm
Nakshatra: Revathi 12.25 am • Mesha in Meena Rashi • Rahukaala: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
Gulikakala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am Yamaganda: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 14°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Increasing cloudiness

Sunrise 6.46 am
Sunset 6.18 pm
Moonrise 11.05 am
Moonset 11.42 pm

UNITED BY JOY, DIVERSE IN CELEBRATIONS ON REPUBLIC DAY

● Civil rights group organises Preamble readings ● 38 teams take part in parade march

NAGARAJA GADEKAL

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EDUCATIONAL institutions, organisations and citizens celebrated the 74th Republic Day on Thursday, unfurling flags across the city, and spreading awareness on pressing issues.

Civic rights group Bahutva Karnataka organised several readings of the Preamble across the city, including at Church Street, Jayanagar, Yeshwantpur and RT Nagar.

Similarly, after the national flag was unfurled, prominent activists took part in a discussion organised by the Chitrakala Parishath on 'Diversity and Idea of India'.

Orion Mall marked Republic Day with the unveiling of a 'Ship of Patriotism', a 60-foot ship featuring quotes from defence personnel and martyrs of the including Captain Vikram Batra, Major Somanth Sharma, and Flying Officer Prem Ramsingh Ramchandani. The ship, painted by artist Baadal Nanjundaswamy, will be on display at Orion Mall, Brigade Gateway, till January 31.

Schools and colleges across the city unfurled the national flag, as children in ethnic attire joined the ceremonies.

Both Bengaluru City University (BCU) and Bangalore University (BU) held elaborate Republic Day celebrations, with BCU vice-chancellor Prof Lingaraja Gandhi stating that the education is vital in ensuring a country's progress. "Educational institutions have a huge responsibility to provide equal and quality education to all at an affordable cost. More educational institutions have to be established and more teachers need to be recruited, who are key in imparting knowledge to youth," he said.

Meanwhile, after the Padma awards were announced, the Kodagu in-charge minister felicitated 79-year-old Rani Machaiah from Kodagu, who was conferred with Padma Shri. Higher Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan spent the day in a 'Meet your Minister' programme organised by the MS Ramaiah College of Law, where he interacted with students.

(From left) A Border Security Force contingent participates in Republic Day celebrations at the Manekshaw Parade Ground in Bengaluru on Thursday; Over 50,000 adults and 7,500 children visit Lalbagh flower show | NAGARAJA GADEKAL / EXPRESS

In a first, R-Day celebrated at Idgah Maidan

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MLA BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan, MP PC Mohan and others unfurl the national flag at Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan in Bengaluru on Thursday | EXPRESS

AFTER a controversy between BBMP and Muslim Central Association over Chamarajpet Idgah Maidan last year, for the first time, Republic Day was celebrated at the ground amid tight security as Bengaluru North taluk assistant commissioner, revenue department, Shivanna unfurled the national flag at 8 am.

"Both MLA BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan and Bengaluru Central Lok Sabha MP PC Mohan attended the event. Elaborate security arrangements was made. As per protocol, Naadageethe and Raitha Geete were played, and later, children from various BBMP and government schools performed participated in cultural programmes," said Shivanna. The West Division police had deployed over 150 police personnel and installed over 50 CCTV cameras.

Chamarajpet Nagarikara Vakoota member Shashanka J Shreedhara said that the district administration agreed to the demands of the forum and pro-Hindu outfits by allowing Republic Day celebrations and cultural programmes.

"Had there not been any pressure and representation to the Bengaluru Urban deputy commissioner and protests, there would not have been any changes at Chamarajpet Idgah maidan," said Shreedhara.

Governor lauds govt's achievements

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GOVERNOR Thaawarchand Gehlot unfurled the national flag at the Manekshaw Parade Ground on the 74th Republic Day at 9am, and celebrated the achievements of the state government.

Around 38 teams, including school children, took part in the parade march. Gehlot delivered a 21-minute speech, highlighting the achievements of the state government which has implemented various schemes and programmes in 2022.

He appreciated the state government for conferring the Karnataka Ratna Award on late actor Puneeth Rajkumar.

He mentioned that the government has facilitated that pension reaches the doorsteps of beneficiaries including Raitha Vidya Nidhi scheme to assist children of farmers, established Namma Clinics and women's health clinics under the National Health Mission scheme, constructed footbridge under the Gram Bandhu Setu scheme and grants given by the National Yuva Janotsava to corporations of disadvantaged and Backward Classes.

During his address, he also listed 10 important achievements of the government like providing 75 units of free electricity to the SC/ST communities under the Amrut Jyoti Yojana, subsidy hike under the the employment scheme for SC/STs and steps taken to regularise the services of pourakarmikas.

Karnataka has bagged the top position in the Ease of Doing Business, he said, adding that in terms of merchandise exports, the state has contributed $25.87 billion in 2022 to India's exports, its highest-ever tally.

He also mentioned that Invest Karnataka 2022, the flagship global event of the state government, was held from November 2-4, 2022, which has attracted a total investment of Rs 9,81,784 crore.

No more digging roads: BBMP

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

FACING flak for poor road infrastructure and to ensure that funds under Amrut Nagarothana are not misused for digging the newly-asphalted roads, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)passed an order that agencies like BWSSB, Bescom and other OFC companies should not dig roads.

Speaking to TNIE, Palike's Engineer-In-Chief BS Prahalad said that since a majority of sewage and power cable works have been completed and the civic body is going ahead with asphalting 2,000km of road, agencies have been informed that permission will not be given for road digging which might lead to road congestion and traffic.

"In case a road is found dug, and it causes congestion, then assistant executive engineers, junior engineers and assistant engineers concerned will be held responsible and disciplinary action will be taken against them," he said.

After road construction, asphalting and reclamation works, if any road erosion is found the engineers concerned will be directly held responsible and they will not get approval for use of any grant from the corporation to cover road excavation cost, the order read.

All zonal chief engineers have been sent communication to inform their subordinates, said a senior BBMP official.

Welcoming the move, mobility expert from IISc, Ashish Verma said, "Road cutting and digging have multiple impacts. It slows down traffic, causes pollution in its surroundings, and might become a health hazard. BBMP has done the right thing by asking all agencies not to cut roads," he said.

Meanwhile, BWSSB chairman N Jayaram said, "The board has taken up new work for water supply and sewage pipes since 2017. The work has been completed in almost all parts, and in case, anything is pending, BBMP will be consulted for necessary permission."

Finally, tender called for second stretch of suburban rly project

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THE Karnataka-Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprises (K-RIDE) has finally called for tenders for the second stretch of the Rs15,767-crore Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project on Thursday.

The tender includes civil works on the Kanaka Line between Heelalige and Rajanakunte via Yelahanka (corridor-4) that runs for 46.8 km of the 148-km project. The tender was supposed to be called in October 2021, which was deferred to December 2021. The last date for submission of bids is April 27.

The design and construction of an elevated viaduct of 8.96 km and at-grade formation are covered. Construction of station buildings however are not part of the project.

A K-RIDE official said, "This is an EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) project and so the cost of the line depends on what is quoted by the bidders." Tender has already been awarded for one stretch between Baiyappanahalli and Chikkabanavar (25.01 km), which was awarded to Larsen & Toubro, and the work has recently started after a delay in handover of land to the bidder. The remaining two corridors of the Bengaluru Suburban Railway Project, which are yet to be tendered are KSR Bengaluru-Devanahalli and Kengeri-Cantonment-Whitefield. The deadline for suburban rail project is 2026, but it is likely to be in place by 2030.

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>
> K-RIDE official

Stations on Kanaka Line

The Kanaka Line will cover these 19 stations: Rajanakunte, Muddenahalli, Yelahanka, Jakkur, Hegde Nagar, Thanisandra, Hennur, Horamavu, Channasandra, Bennigenahalli, Kaggadaspura, Marathahalli, Bellandur Road, Carmelaram, Ambedkar Nagar, Huskur, Singara Agrahara, Bommasandra and Heelalige.

First trees transplanted for project

Bengaluru: Two Mahogany trees in Hebbal were relocated and transplanted near Kendriya Vidyalaya at Yesvantpur on Wednesday. These trees are the first set to be shifted in connection with the Rs 15,767-crore Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project. "We plan to transplant 58 trees. The BBMP tree officer has given a written confirmation to go ahead with it," a source at K-RIDE told TNIE. Apart from that, the Tree Committee appointed by the high court has given K-RIDE the green signal to cut 268 trees, the official added. K-RIDE had requested permission to remove 661 trees in the first phase. "For every tree we axe, we will be planting 10 saplings," the official added. The trees are present along the route of the second corridor of the project which runs from Baiyappanahalli to Chikkabanavara. Another source said that K-RIDE has sought permission to remove 1,430 trees in the second phase and another 764 trees in the third phase for which permission is awaited.

Admit 60 students under domicile quota: Min to NLSIU

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HIGHER Education Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan asked that at least 60 students be admitted under the domicile reservation at the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru.

On Thursday, the minister wrote a letter to vice-chancellor of NLSIU, Sudhir Krishnaswamy, stating that in the academic year 2022-23, there were 45 students admitted under the domicile reservation, and 13 of them were selected under the All India quota. "It is clearly laid down that if a candidate qualifies for admission in regulation under the All India Category, they shall be considered only against the All India Quota seat and not against the seats identified under State Domicile Reservation," he said.

He pointed out that other NLSIUs have undertaken the domicile reservation, ensuring that 25 per cent of students are from the state, except for those under the All India quota. He directed NLSIU, Bengaluru, to ensure that 60 students are considered under domicile reservation in the 2023-24 academic year.

"In case this has not been ensured in the provisional selection list, it should be immediately rectified. If it cannot be corrected this way, university should prepare a revised selection list considering the supernumerary criteria," he said, adding that 13 students selected under the all-India quota being considered part of the domicile reservation meant that 13 state students were deprived of opportunity to study at NLSIU.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

27th January: The current lunar pattern happens to offer a break with the past. So, here's an idea: if there's any commitment you want to abandon or get out of, today might be just the day to make your escape. You'd better check first to see if it's all OK, though - and please don't say I told you so!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
There is now to be a slight change in your emotional disposition. You might not be aware of it until next week but, when it happens, you will begin to realise that the most important quality in your relationships is not passion, but companionship.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
If there has been a slight hesitation on your part, I suspect that this is because you instinctively realise that there is more information to come to light. There is everything to be gained from making the most of family discussions. Get something off your chest.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The tendency towards financial complications is increasing, but today is better suited to clearing up loose ends than creating further muddle or confusion. We can now see the first signs of increasing harmony in a special family relationship, and that has to be good news!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
If you are feeling emotionally drained, then you are totally in tune with your stars and ready for a few days' rest. If you are on top of the world then you are in some senses defying your planetary cycles! What links these two possibilities? The need to be different - that's what!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Venus, the ruler of raw passion, has temporarily reduced its influence over important areas of your life, and you may soon begin to feel that an emotional opportunity has been lost. But when it eventually returns, as it surely will, you will have a chance to play your hand again.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You will now begin to feel more open and confident emotionally. Within about three or four days you will also be prepared to reveal a long-kept secret, although you must pick your moment with great skill. The last thing you want to do is cause offence, even inadvertently.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The overwhelming preponderance of planets in your solar chart is urging you to bare your soul. If you are forced into a corner, you might as well make the most of it and brazen it out! You may also surprise partners by saying the opposite from what they expect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You have so much more to give than you normally imagine, and you should recognise that other people are now ready to accord you the respect you crave. All you need to do is to play your full hand, including the trumps. You might even have one last ace up your sleeve!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There is so much going on in upbeat areas of your chart that it would be a shame indeed if your responsibilities prevented you from acting on impulse. It goes without saying that adventurous holiday stars are growing stronger by the hour, and if you can't get away, you'll definitely be missing out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
A personal problem may seem far less important than it did only a few days ago. In the emotional arena it seems as if a distance is soon to be put between you and a loved one, which may actually be a pleasant development! But do everything you can to avoid losing touch.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
If anything, other people are about to become even more demanding. So far you have been careful to spare someone's feelings, but eventually your attitude might be, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Or perhaps you can just sit it out until they change their minds.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
It's a marvellous moment for building bridges and mending fences. Ever so gradually you will begin to restore an emotional tie with someone from whom you've been apart. At the same time, you may realise that all your hard work and effort have been thoroughly worthwhile.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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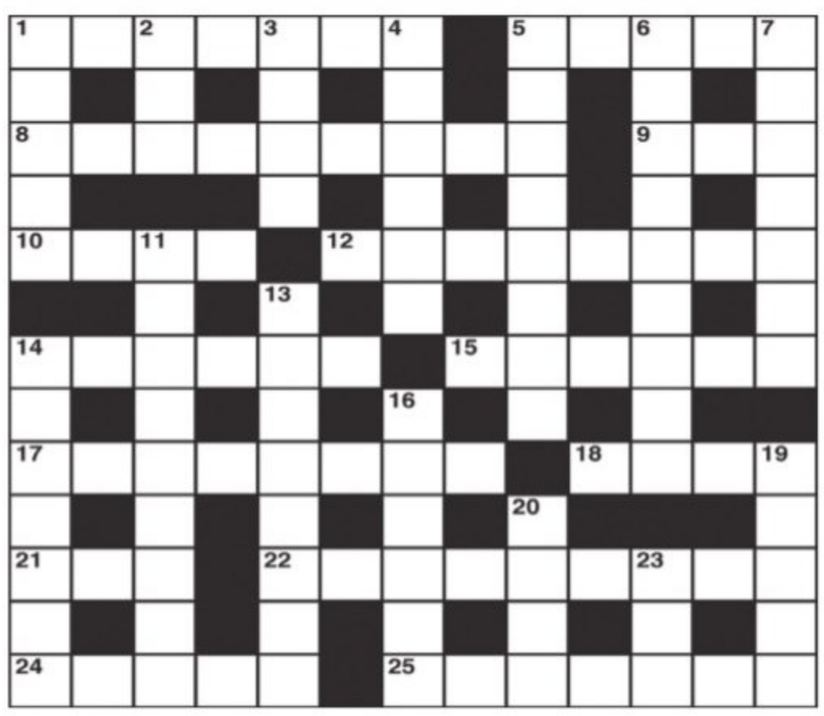
Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3 X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 One about to settle in the country (7)
5 Go on to higher things (5)
8 Try an overdue reform (9)
9 Eye-opener (3)
10 Voyage any skipper would try to avoid (4)
12 Animal and insect run away together (8)
14 This train may be held up by an attendant (6)
15 Let pass (6)
17 A way of drawing liberal applause (4,4)
18 The burden is on America (4)
21 She makes a welcome return (3)
22 Harmony is restored in a mutiny (9)
24 Pen has the French way of writing (5)
25 It is subject to negotiation by letter (7)

DOWN
1 It holds the unloved emperor motionless (5)
2 Aim to kill (3)
3 Off on a course (4)
4 Kills a doctor and confesses (6)
5 Not going straight, got trapped (8)
6 There's no end of cats here (4,2,3)
7 It's no good by all accounts (3,4)
11 I can time railway route (9)
13 A block destined for hot water (4,4)
14 They are employed to polish shock-absorbers (7)
16 It can't be made whole (6)
19 Some found needlessly lying in a cunning way (5)
20 It changes me in appearance (4)
23 A tavern in point (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Shuffles, 5 Odes, 9 Puree, 10 Plunder, 11 Flock of sheep, 13 Troops, 14 Single, 17 Restlessness, 20 Counsel, 21 Alibi, 22 Seal, 23 Trekkers.

Down: 1 Saps, 2 Utrillo, 3 French polish, 4 Employ, 6 Dodge, 7 Scrapped, 8 Question mark, 12 Attracts, 15 Gas fire, 16 Ostler, 18 Sousa, 19 Bias.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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Can anyone think of more examples of opposites?
The opposite of nice is my sister.
If she heard you say that, it'd be lights out for you.
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE WORDS "DARK" AND "LIGHT" IS ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FINCH DRILL WEAKLY DIVIDE
Answer: The goat parents took their children to a restaurant that was — KID FRIENDLY

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NO BACKCHANNEL TALKS WITH INDIA, SAYS PAKISTAN MINISTER

"At this moment, there is no such thing under way," Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hina Rabbani Khar told Pak Parliament

BUT EXPERTS PITCH FOR SECRET PARLEYS

Her remarks came in the wake of experts, including former Pak foreign minister Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri, pitching for backchannel talks in the initial phase so that political compulsions don't come into play. However, both sides have to generate public opinion for improved relations to create an enabling environment for peace, Kasuri told this newspaper recently

PAK REVIEWING INDIA'S INVITATIONS

- India has invited Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, foreign minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari and chief justice Umar Ata Bandial to the SCO meet in Goa in May
- Confirming it, Pakistan's Foreign Office Spokesperson Mumtaz Zahra Baloch said the Pak govt is reviewing the invitations

Art 370

MUST BE RESTORED BEFORE ANY TALKS WITH INDIA, SHARIF HAD SAID RECENTLY

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Women personnel in a marching contingent of the CRPF during the 74th Republic Day parade at Kartavya Path in New Delhi on Thursday | PTI

WOMEN POWER POINT

Theme of many tableaux was Nari Shakti; women officers led or participated in various marching contingents; military showcased self-dependence on R-Day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@New Delhi

INDIA'S spirit of self-dependence in the military and its women power stood out during the Republic Day parade on Kartavya Path here on Thursday. Women officers led or participated in several marching contingents while Supreme Commander President Droupadi Murmu hosted her Egyptian counterpart Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, who was the chief guest for the event.

A combined band and marching contingent of the Egyptian armed forces also took part in the parade that started around 10.30 am and ended close to noon after a fly-past. The Egyptian contingent was led by Col Mahmoud Mohamed Abdelfattah Elkharasawy.

The unfurling of the Tricolour followed by the national anthem was accompaned by a 21-gun salute using 105-mm Indian field guns. The indigenous guns replaced the vintage 25-pounders, reflecting the growing *aatmanirbharta* in defence.

Military assets on display were mostly made-in-India, which included the main battle tank Arjun, the Nag Missile System (NAMIS) and the K-9 Vajra, Light Combat Helicopter Prachand, Akash air defence missiles and Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicles.

The Akash weapon system had Lt Chetana Sharma at the forefront. The Indian Air Force contingent comprising 144 air warriors and four officers, was led by Sqn Ldr Sindhu Reddy. The air force tableau, designed on the theme 'Indian Air Force Power Beyond Boundaries', displayed a rotating globe highlighting IAF's expanded reach, whereby it has been able to provide humanitarian assistance across borders, as also exercises conducted with friendly countries.

Lt Commander Disha Amrith, posted at a strategic base, led the Navy's contingent of sailors, which included three women, and six Agniveers, who are undergoing training as part of the first batch inducted under the new armed forces recruitment scheme.

PVC awardees

Three Param Vir Chakra awardees and three Ashok Chakra awardees also took part in the parade, which also had a veterans' tableau. A group of *Shramyogis* involved in the construction of the Central Vista, the Kartavya Path and the new Parliament were specially invited for the parade

The ceremony commenced with Prime Minister Modi visiting the National War Memorial and paying tributes to the fallen heroes by laying a wreath. The parade ended with a fly-past by 45 aircraft of the Indian Air Force, one from the Indian Navy and four helicopters of the Indian Army.

A total of 23 tableaux — 17 from states and Union territories and six from various ministries and departments — took part with Nari Shakti being the theme of most of them.

Padma comes days after BDA nixes site

V VELAYUDHAM @Chikkaballapur

DAYS before the Union government selected Tamate folk artiste Munivekatappa for the prestigious Padma Shri award, Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) cancelled a site allotted to him. A letter informing him about cancellation of the site in 2016 for non-payment of prescribed amount was sent to him on January 5.

According to Munivenkatappa, a BDA site (number B4-SA-70) was given to him in the Nadaprabhu Kempe Gowda Layout in Bengaluru. However, he was unable to pay the full amount of Rs 5 lakh due to financial constraints and managed to pay only Rs 26,000.

Munivenkatappa appealed to the state government to direct the BDA to reconsider its decision and re-allot the site without any payment as it would help him and his family. He expressed his inability to pay the prescribed fee saying he has no source of income. Munivenkatappa learnt Tamate folk art at the age of 17 from his father Papanna. He has taught thousands in his village Pindapapanahalli in Chikkaballapur district. P6

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot during Republic Day celebrations at the Manekshaw Parade Ground on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Guv highlights achievements

During his 21-minute speech, Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot celebrated the achievements of the state government, which has implemented various schemes and programmes, benefitting women, children of farmers, and those from the Backward Classes. P2

Sub-Mandal & kamandal is Modi formula for 2024

SHAHID FARIDI @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi is preparing a heady cocktail for the next general election in 2024. Along with the winning combination of Hindutva and welfarism, Modi plans to appropriate the reservation plank and deny the opposition one of its biggest election issues.

The PM had set up a four-member commission headed by Justice (Retd) G Rohini on October 2, 2017, to examine if the Other Backward Classes need to be sub-categorised to ensure equitable distribution of the reservation benefits. After 13 extensions, the commission's term ends on January 31, 2023. Sources said the panel may submit its report anytime to the government.

The commission was formed because government data revealed that over 90% of the OBC quota benefits were cornered by about a dozen dominant castes such as Yadavs, Jats, Kurmis, Vokkaligas, Sainis, Thevars, Ezhavas etc. The OBC quota is meant for over 3,000 castes and communities categorised as backward by the Mandal Commission.

Therefore, the commission recommends sub-classifications of the dominant castes to ensure a more equitable distribution of benefits. It also suggests dividing the 3,000 OBC communities into four categories with a fixed percentage of benefits going to each type from the overall 27% OBC reservation.

Empowering smaller OBC communities may bring huge electoral benefits for the BJP. The party has already successfully experimented with the idea in Uttar Pradesh by creating a social coalition of non-Yadav OBC castes.

The biggest push-back to Modi's BJP has come from the leaders of the dominant OBC castes. Among them are Lalu Yadav, his son Tejashwi Yadav and Nitish Kumar in Bihar, Akhilesh Yadav in UP, H D Deve Gowda and son H D Kumaraswamy in Karnataka from the non-Congress parties. From the Congress, most of the top leaders leading the charge against the BJP in the states belong to the OBCs — Bhupesh Baghel in Chhattisgarh, Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot in Rajasthan, Bhupinder Singh Hooda in Haryana, D K Shivkumar and Siddaramaiah in Karnataka.

These opposition OBC leaders recently stirred the caste cauldron by demanding a nationwide caste census. They reject the 2006 National Sample Survey Organisation report, which puts the total OBC population at 41%, down from 52% mentioned in the Mandal Commission report of 1980. Nitish has already started a caste survey in Bihar.

The Rohini report, therefore, may prove to be the BJP's ace in caste politics. It has the potential to ignite a debate on the denial of benefits to the overwhelming number of OBC communities. It may, however, face criticism over the authenticity of the data used by it. Social justice, coupled with opening a grand Ramtemple at Ayodhya, which is likely to witness a global gathering bigger than the Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas, and subsidised foodgrain for 80 crore people, is the plank on which the PM will enter the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

K'TAKA DIGEST

17 polluted rivers: Samples collected

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No med supplies, PHCs shut door on patients

NAMRATA SINDWANI @Bengaluru

SHORTAGE of basic medical supplies at the Primary Health Centres (PHCs) in Bengaluru is making doctors turn away patients requiring treatment. This, despite the PHCs being the first point-of-contact for common folks in case of sickness or medical emergencies. At least 40 per cent of the 201 PHCs under the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in the city are hit by shortage of basic medical supplies.

This scenario has come about as the drugs and medical equipment suppliers in state have stopped supplies to the Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited (KSMSCL) as the latter is yet to clear their bills pending over last two years.

Admitting the problem, BBMP Special Commissioner, Health, Dr KV Thrilok Chandra, said doctors and staff at the PHCs have been asked to procure medicines from Jan Aushadhi Kendras to treat the patients. A PHC doctor told TNIE he was working without non-sterile gloves for two weeks. "We've been facing shortage of even basic supplies like cotton, suture kits, medicines like cetirizine, iron tablets, metformin (drugs for diabetes) and even cough syrups," he said. P7

BALAKOT STRIKE

Pompeo's claim typical US fiction: Experts

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

FORMER US secretary of state **Mike Pompeo**'s claim in his memoir, *Never Given an Inch*, that India and Pakistan came to the "brink of nuclear war" post the Balakot strike on February 26, 2019, and the US intervention that prevented the situation from escalating has been rubbished by top sources, who were privy to the affairs and India's response to Pulwama attack for which the banned Pakistan-based-terrorist outfit - Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) had claimed responsibility.

"I don't think the world knows just how close India-Pakistan rivalry came to spilling over into a nuclear conflagration in February 2019," Pompeo wrote in his autobiography. "Pompeo's claim is far from truth. It's part of a typical US fiction on South Asia in which India and Pakistan are projected as antagonists constantly at war. Pompeo has spun the same narrative to gain more traction for his book. Pakistan, which has been using the threat of its nuclear power as deterrence, didn't even strike back militarily against India in response to Balakot," sources told TNIE, on condition of anonymity. P10

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A group of drunk youths assaulted two police constables near Arakere village, Hassan district, in Javagal police limits on Wednesday night. Police Constable Ramesh and jeep driver Dhananjaya were attacked by a group of youths who had parked their vehicle in the middle of the road and were dancing with liquor bottles. The youths attacked the cops with liquor bottles when the latter asked them to clear the road

Quality check of 17 polluted rivers start

Declared as polluted by Central Pollution Control Board recently; Maha tops chart with 55 polluted river stretches

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

OFFICIALS from the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) have started collecting water samples from 17 rivers, which were recently listed as polluted, by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in its report.

The exercise gained importance after experts and citizens pointed out that water from the rivers, including the Cauvery, was not fit for consumption. The CPCB had published the report in November 2022.

According to the report, of the surveyed 311 polluted river stretches (PRS), the 17 listed from Karnataka are Aghanashini, Arkavathi, Bhadra, Bhima, Cauvery, Dakshina Pinakini, Gangavali, Kabini, Kagina, Krishna, Lakshmana Tirtha, Netravathi, Sharavathi, Shimsha, Then Pennai, Tunga and Tungabhadra.

"The water quality of 30 rivers in Karnataka was monitored at 107 locations during the years 2019 and 2021, out of which 41 locations on 17 rivers were found to be non-compliant with the prescribed Water Quality Criteria with respect to Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)," quoted the CPCB report. The maximum PRS are in Maharashtra (55), followed by Madhya Pradesh (19), Bihar and Kerala (18 each) and Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh (17 each).

A senior KSPCB official told The New Indian Express: "Though the report is old, it is still creating panic among people because of the water quality. We know the quality will not change overnight, but efforts are being made. Samples are being collected from multiple locations to know the ground situation and what more needs to be done. In fact, the water quality in some locations has worsened since the past five years. This is the reason why we are stressing on municipalities and panchayats to aggressively work on an effective underground drainage system (UGD) and sewage treatment plants (STP). We are taking samples not just from the listed 17 rivers but surrounding water bodies also."

The official pointed to the ongoing National Green Tribunal cases on polluted rivers and water bodies. He admitted that the water quality of lakes across the state, more so in Bengaluru, was also very poor.

In the CPCB report, most of the rivers are listed under Category 4 and 5, which means they can be used for propagation of wildlife and fisheries, and can be used for irrigation, industrial cooling and controlled waste disposal. The report lists Arkavathi river water along Hessarghatta to Kanakapura, Dakshina Pinakini along Mugalur and Then Pennai along Kodiyalam, under Category 1, which means it can be used as a drinking water source without conventional treatment, but after disinfection.

THE 17 RIVERS

Aghanashini ■ Arkavathi ■ Bhadra ■ Bhima ■ Cauvery ■ Dakshina Pinakini ■ Gangavali ■ Kabini ■ Kagina ■ Krishna ■ Lakshmana Tirtha ■ Netravathi ■ Sharavathi ■ Shimsha ■ Then Pennai ■ Tunga ■ Tungabhadra

HC DIRECTS STATE TO PAY UP FOR FILM MADE FOR GIM

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QUASHING a cryptic communication issued at the behest of Minister for Industries and Commerce Murugesh R Nirani to cancel a contract of around Rs 4 crore given to a Mumbai-based film production house BBP Studio Virtual Bharat Private Limited, the Karnataka High Court directed the state government to release the balance payment.

The production house was hired to showcase the state of Karnataka through a five-minute 3D film at the three-day Global Investors' Meet (GIM) held in November 2022 in Bengaluru.

On October 21, 2022, Nirani communicated that the petitioner's proposal was too high and was not needed, and directed that the contract be cancelled. This was almost three months after the work order was issued. Meanwhile, Rs 1.5 crore had been released as advance. The state did not permit the petitioner to display the film at the GIM.

Allowing partly the petition filed by the film production house questioning the communication dated October 25, 2022, issued by Marketing Communication and Advertising Limited to cancel the contract, Justice M Nagaprasanna noted, "The court would be empowered to grant relief and not relegate such a petitioner to approach the civil court or direct the petitioner-aggrieved person to explore arbitration for redressal of his grievance, as Article 14 is that golden thread that is woven through the entire fabric of the Constitution of India, and every bead of State action should pass through that golden thread. The action of the State cannot be arbitrary."

The contract was awarded in favour of the petitioner, who took the work to its logical conclusion. Just before delivery of the final product, the contract was cancelled, not on merit/quality of the film, but on political interference. This becomes a classic case where arbitrariness is writ large, the court added.

55-yr-old gets life term for raping, impregnating girl

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A Bengaluru court has sentenced a 55-year-old man to life imprisonment for raping a 14-year-old girl and impregnating her. The survivor later delivered a baby girl, who was handed over to the concerned wing of the Directorate of Women and Child Development Department.

The accused, identified as Kashi Ayyaswamy, is a native of Thiruvannamalai in Tamil Nadu. His wife and children stay in Tamil Nadu. The survivor's family work as labourers for the last 18 years at a farmhouse, where the accused looked after coconut trees.

The survivor was studying in class 8 at the time of the incident. The accused, in the absence of the minor's parents, was repeatedly raping her by threatening her with dire consequences.

The incident came to light when she was in her sixth month of pregnancy. Her parents filed a complaint with the Kaggalipura police, who registered a case under POCSO and other sections of the IPC. The accused is lodged in the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison.

Ayyaswamy was unaware of the complaint filed against him. He was arrested from his shed in the farmhouse.

The minor's parents took her to a hospital when they found out that she was pregnant. The hospital reported the matter to the police who recorded the statements of the victim. The complaint was filed on May 6, 2021 by the victim's mother.

CLUB OF CUBS

Lion cubs at Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens in Mysuru on Thursday | UDAYASHANKARS

EXPRESS READ

KEA extends seat allotment for DCET

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Examination Authority has extended the seat allotment process for the Diploma CET to January 27. According to KEA, around 1,600 government seats and 8,600 private seats were additionally released. KEA has asked candidates to keep the additional seats in mind while filling in their choices. Surrendered seats would be considered during the second round of allotment.

GST payment: Duo cheat city bizman of ₹9.6 crore

ENS @ Bengaluru

A chartered accountant and another man who had cheated the owner of a private firm in the guise of associate chartered accountants, were arrested by Sanjaynagar police. They reportedly conned him of Rs 9.6 crore under the guise of making GST payment.

Police identified the accused as Nikhil, who cleared his CA exam but was not a practising CA, and Vinay Babu, an accountant. Police are on the lookout for three more accused. The complainant, the owner of an automotive company, had approached the victims to file GST annual returns. Firms having a turnover of over Rs 2 crore in a financial year must get annual GST accounts audited and certified by a practising chartered accountant. The accused, who submitted the GST accounts audit report, told the victim to pay Rs 9.6 crore as GST. They managed to hoodwink the complainant by making him send money to their accounts, under the belief that he was paying the pending GST. The accused had purchased some properties worth Rs 3 crore, which police have recovered. They also spent a few crores for their personal use. "A case was registered in the last week of November. Nikhil, Vinay Babu and three others cheated the complainant. The other three are yet to be arrested," said DCP-North Vinayak Patil.

The complainant had initially filed a case with Sadashivanagar police station. The case was later transferred to Sanjaynagar police station.

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Rule 13(4) Appendix IV
POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest (SARFAESI) Act., 2002, and In exercise of power under section 13(12) read with Rules 3 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within-named Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.

The within - named Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conduct on him under Section 13 (4) of the said of the Act read with rule 9 of the Said Rules of the below mentioned date.

The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore** For the amount, interest & other charges thereon.

SL. No.	Name of Borrower	Descriptions of the property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**Sri. D M Aldren, S/o Daniel** No.48, 8th Cross, Near Woodland Hotel Sampangiramanagara, Bengaluru-560 027. **Guarantors:** **1. Smt. Rose Mary, W/o D M Aldred,** No.48, 8h Cross, Near Woodland Hotel Sampangiramanagara, Bengaluru-560 027. **2. Smt. Sona Inba Selvi, W/o Dev Seelan,** No.914, 2nd G-Cross, Koramangala, 8th Block, Bengaluru-560 095.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No.48 in PID No.77-13-48, Old No.179, Situated at C Rudramuniyappa Road, 4th Main Road, Sampangiramanagara, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.77, Bengaluru, **Measuring:** East to West 30'-0" Fts and North to South 35'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 1050 Square Fts and **bounded on the**: **East by** : Others Property No.49, Old No,178, **West by** : Others Property No.47, Old No,180, **North by** : Others Property No.174, South by : Road.	19.11.2022	24.01.2023	Rs.1,30,95,966/- + A/c No. IPL - 306 With further interest & other charges as on 18.11.2022
2.	**1. Sri. M Muniraja, S/o Late Munisiddappa, 2. Smt. G Lalitha Lakshmi, W/o M. Muniraja** Both are resident at: No.18, 2nd A-Main Road, Near Nagendra Store, Nanjappa Layout, Adugodi, Bengaluru-560 030. **Guarantors:** **1. Smt. G Leelavathi, D/o Late G Guruprasad,** No.334, 139th Block, Shirke Appartment, KHB Colony, Kengeri, Bengaluru-560 060. **2. Sri. G Hari Prasad, S/o Late G Guruprasad,** No.304, Ground Floor, "Sobha Morzaria Grandeur", Bannerughatta Road, Bengaluru-560 029.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No.18 in PID No.63-43-18, Old No.137, Situated at 3rd Main Road, Adugodi, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No. 63, Bengaluru, **Measuring:** East to West 50'-0" Fts and North to South 30'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 1500 Square Fts and **bounded on the**: **East by** : 20 Feet Road, **West by** : Property No.142, **North by** : Property No.138, **South by**: 30 Feet Road.	19.11.2022	24.01.2023	Rs.56,97,600/- + A/c No. IPL- EMI- 311 With further interest & other charges as on 18.11.2022
3.	**Smt. Manjula L. W/o Ramaswamy** Flat No.28, West Block, Sumukha Tropical Garden Appartment, Kodichikkanahalli Main Road, Anugraha Layout, Bilekhalli, Bengaluru-560 076. **Guarantors:** **1. Sri. G Lakshminarayana Reddy S/o M Basappa Reddy,** No.14, Basappa Reddy Compound, Yalachena halli, J.P.Nagara Post, Bengaluru-560 078. **2. Sri. Ramaswamy, S/o Shivaramaiah,** Flat No. 28, West Block, Sumukha Tropical Garden Appartment, Kodichikkanahalli Main Road, Anugraha Layout, Bilekhalli, Bengaluru-560076.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Site No.122 in BBMP Khata No.2161/122, Old No.122 in conversion land under authorised letter of District Commissioner No.A.L.N.S.R(S)450/96-97 dated 07.04.1997 in Survey No.321/2 of Beguru Village, Beguru Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.192, Bengaluru, **Measuring:** East to West 50'-0" Fts and North to South 30'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 1500 Square Fts and **bounded on the**: **East by**: Remaining portion of property No.122, **West by** : Tank Band, **North by** : Property No.121, **South by** : Road.	19.11.2022	24.01.2023	Rs.39,69,400/- + A/c No. IPL- EMI- 306 With further interest & other charges as on 18.11.2022
4.	**Sri. B S Kirthi, S/o Late B M Somashekar** No.1297, Ground Floor, 32 F-Cross, Near Syndicate Bank, 4th T-Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560 041. **Guarantors:** **1. Smt. M C Rukmini Somashekar W/o Late B M Somashekar,** No.1297, Ground Floor, 32 F-Cross, Near Syndicate Bank, 4th T-Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560 041. **2. Sri. Uday Kumar S/o K V Lakshmana Reddy,** No.9, Karadaguru Srinvasasandra, Kolar-563 121.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential Ground Floor building with, 2074 Square Feet RCC Roofing and 650 Square Feet Undivided Share in a site Corporation No.39 in PID No.58-25-39, BDA No.1297, Situated at 32 F-Cross, 4th T-Block, Jayanagara, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.58, Bengaluru, **Measuring:** East to West 40 Feet and North to South 65 feet, having a total extent of 2600 Square Fts, and **bounded on the**: **East by** : Site No.1298, **West by** : Property No.1296, **North by** : Road, **South by** : Property No.1262.	19.11.2022	24.01.2023	Rs.1,11,63,672/- + A/c No. IPL- EMI- 317 With further interest & other charges as on 18.11.2022
5.	**1. Smt. A.H. Vijaya, W/o H.M. Boraiah, 2. Sri. H.M. Boraiah, S/o Late Manchaiah** Both are resident at: No.35, "Godhooli", 5th B- Main Road, Syndicate Bank Colony, Tunganagara, Bengaluru-560 091. **Guarantors:** **1.Smt.B.Vidhyavathi D/o H M Boraiah,** No.35, "Godhooli", 5th B-Main Road, Syndicate Bank Colony, Tunganagara, Bengaluru-560 091. **2. Sri. B R Krishnamurthy, S/o B K Ramachandrappa** Secretary, Vidhyashree High School, Anjana Nagara, Magadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560091.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Site Present Corporation No. 972/133/35 in BBMP Khata No. 972, Situated at Tunganagara, Herohalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, BBMP Ward No.72, Horohalli range, Bengaluru, **Measuring:** East to West 80'-0" Fts and North to South (73'-0" + 81'-0)/2 Fts, having a total extent of 6160 square Fts and **bounded on the**: **East by** : Road, **West by** : Others Property, **North by** : Others Property, **South by** : Others Property.	24.11.2022	24.01.2023	Rs.26,39,858/- + A/c No. EMI - 09 With further interest & other charges as on 23.11.2022

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'No new Covid-19 variants found in genomic testing'

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE third genomic testing report released this week has shown no new variants of Covid-19 in the positive samples that were collected from across the city and the airport. Sources from Bengaluru Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) where genomic testing for airport passengers is conducted, told *The New Indian Express* that all samples in the latest report were of the old variants, like XBB, BQ, BQ.1 and BQ1.5. A total of 56 samples were tested in the third cycle.

Dr Shariff, deputy director, National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), said there was no need to worry about Covid as the number of positive cases is low. He said the Covid scenario in Karnataka is being studied closely, and seems to be under control. BMCRI was also running out of equipment to perform genomic testing last week, and was seeking more human resources in the microbiology department. Sources from the department said the procurement process for equipment is done, and with regard to human resources, they are still waiting for confirmation on more people to be hired.

So far, 173 positive samples have been tested at BMCRI, out of which only four samples were seen to be infected with the new variants, XBB 1.5 and BF.7. The total positivity rate (TPR) in Karnataka has remained below 0.5 per cent for the past two months. Hence, despite the new variants found, experts said it was not a cause for worry as the caseload is extremely low.

CHAIN-LINK NETWORKING FRAUD BUSTED, 4 ARRESTED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

HIGH Grounds police arrested four people under the Banning of Unregulated Deposit Schemes Act of 2019. The accused were reportedly cheating investors through a company, e-Biotorium Network Private Limited.

Police found a chain-link networking meeting organised at Ambedkar Bhavan on Millers Road, and following credible information, raided the place and busted the networking fraud. After investing a certain amount, the investors had to refer more people to get more commission. The accused reportedly opened the firm under the chain-link system, on the pretext of providing job opportunities. The investors were lured by different kinds of perks. The accused had created documents of having given good commission to the early birds. They were contemplating shutting the business after getting good investments.

The arrested are identified as Sheikh Sadik Ali, 32, of Subhash Nagar, N Yogesh, 44, of Subramanyapura, Pramod Gopinath, 51, of Panaji in Goa, and Sunil Joshi, 58, of Madhya Pradesh.

"More investigations are on to find out the number of investors and the money they have invested," R Srinivas Gowda, DCP (Central) told the media. Police registered a case of cheating under Section 420 of the IPC against the four men.

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One or more subsequent call(s)	1,556.00	1,638.00
Total (₹)	3,112.00	3,276.00

** Constitutes 50% of the Floor/ Cap Price.*

In accordance with the recommendation of a Committee of Independent Directors of the Company, pursuant to their resolution dated January 18, 2023 the above provided price band is justified based on quantitative factors/ KPIs disclosed in 'Basis for the Offer Price' section vis-à-vis the WACA of primary issuances/ secondary transactions disclosed in 'Basis for the Offer Price' section provided in the RHP.

RISKS TO INVESTORS

- **The weighted average cost of acquisition (WACA) of all Equity Shares transacted in the last 1 year, 18 months and 3 years preceding the date of the RHP:***

Period	WACA per Equity Share (in ₹)	Cap Price (₹ 3,276) is 'x' times the WACA	Range of acquisition price per Equity Share: lowest price - highest price (in ₹)
Last 1 year	2,884.83	1.14	1,564.31 - 4,125.20
Last 18 months	2,317.45	1.41	1,360.97 - 4,125.20
Last 3 years	1,104.57	2.97	124.76 - 4,125.20

** As certified by M/s. Shah Dhandaria and Co, LLP, Chartered Accountants, by way of their certificate dated January 18, 2023*

** We are not aware of any off-market secondary transactions of Equity Shares*

- **We expect our expenses to increase in the future as we continue to expand our operations and increase our investments in new business verticals, which will place significant demands on our management and our operational and financial resources, and if we fail to manage the growth of our existing businesses and to capitalize on our growth opportunities effectively, our business and results of operations may be adversely affected. In Fiscals 2022, 2021, 2020 and the six months ended September 30, 2022 and 2021, our integrated resource management business contributed 69.4%, 59.4%, 70.1%, 78.0% and 69.4% of our total income, and our mining services business contributed 3.9%, 5.0%, 4.2%, 4.3% and 4.4% of our total income, respectively. Additionally, we ramped up our airports operations and it contributed 3.2% of our total income in the six months ended September 30, 2022. Our other businesses are at various stages of development and in line with our strategy we intend to expand, diversify and develop these businesses.**
- **Limited operating history of certain businesses: Some of our businesses, such as defence (started in 2017), airports (started in 2019), roads (started in 2018), data centers (first data center commissioned in October 2022), digital, water management, commercial mining, industrials manufacturing, among others and metals and manufacturing have limited operating histories, and may not serve as an adequate basis to evaluate our future prospects, results of operations and cash flows.**
- **Our integrated resource management business primarily depends on an increasing demand for imported coal in India and our ability to maintain a diverse supplier base.**
- **Certain companies within the Adani group are involved in various legal, regulatory and other proceedings. For instance, the Investigations Department of SEBI had approached our Company and certain companies within the Adani group (Adani Ports And Special Economic Zone Limited, Adani Total Gas Limited and Adani Transmission Limited, Adani Global Limited) for certain information and documents, and these requests have been responded by them to SEBI. In case any proceedings are initiated or adversely determined against them, it could have an adverse impact on our business and reputation.**
- **Our Promoter Group does not include certain immediate relatives of the spouses of our Promoters (which is in line with our historical practice), and relevant confirmations relating to them are based on publicly available information.**
- **The P/E ratio based on the cap price of ₹ 3,276 per FPO Equity Share and the diluted EPS for FY2022 of ₹7.06 per equity share is 464.02 times and may not be indicative of market price on listing or thereafter.**
- **Weighted average cost of acquisition (WACA) based on the last five primary issuances or secondary transactions, not older than three years prior to the date of the RHP, is as below:**

Past Transactions	WACA per Equity Share (in ₹)^	Floor Price (₹ 3,112) is 'x' times the WACA	Cap Price (₹ 3,276) is 'x' times the WACA
WACA of primary issuances	1,915.85	1.62	1.71
WACA of secondary issuances*	3,624.18	0.86	0.90

** We are not aware of any off-market secondary transactions of Equity Shares*

^ The above is basis the details of the last five primary issuances (excluding Equity Shares issued under ESOP/ESOS and issuance of bonus Equity Shares, as applicable) or secondary transactions (secondary transactions where Promoters, members of the Promoter Group, or Shareholder(s) having the right to nominate Director(s) on our Board, are a party to the transaction), not older than three years prior to the date of the RHP irrespective of the size of transactions.

- **The 10 BRLMs associated with the Offer have handled 97 public issues in the past three years, out of which 34 issues closed below the Offer Price on listing date :**

Name of BRLMs	Total Issues	Issues closed below IPO Price as on listing date
ICICI Securities Limited	7	1
Axis Capital Limited	8	3
IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited	1	1
IIFL Securities Limited	10	4
JM Financial Limited	4	-
Common Issues of all BRLMs	67	25
Total	97	34

BID/OFFER PROGRAMME

BID/OFFER OPENS TODAY

BID/OFFER CLOSES ON : TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023*

** UPI mandate end time and date shall be at 5.00 p.m. on the Bid/Offer Closing Date.*

In case of any revision to the Price Band, the Bid/Offer Period will be extended by at least three additional Working Days following such revision of the Price Band, subject to the Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. In cases of force majeure, banking strike or similar circumstances, our Company in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, for reasons to be recorded in writing, extend the Bid/Offer Period for a minimum of three Working Days, subject to the Bid/Offer Period not exceeding 10 Working Days. Any revision in the Price Band and the revised Bid/Offer Period, if applicable, will be widely disseminated by notification to the Stock Exchanges, by issuing a public notice, and also by indicating the change on the respective websites of the Book Running Lead Managers and at the terminals of the members of the Syndicate and by intimation to the Designated Intermediaries and the Sponsor Banks, as applicable.

The Offer is being made in terms of Regulation 155 of the SEBI ICDR Regulations. The Offer is being made in accordance with Regulation 129(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations and through a book building process wherein not more than 50% of the Net Offer shall be allotted on a proportionate basis to Qualified Institutional Buyers ("**QIBs**", and such portion, the "**QIB Portion**"). Our Company in consultation with the Book Running Lead Managers, may allocate up to 60% of the QIB Portion to Anchor Investors on a discretionary basis in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations ("**Anchor Investor Portion**"), out of which at least one-third shall be reserved for allocation to domestic Mutual Funds only, subject to valid Bids being received from the domestic Mutual Funds at or above the Anchor Investor Allocation Price, in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations. In the event of under- subscription, or non-allocation in the Anchor Investor Portion, the balance FPO Equity Shares shall be added to the portion of the QIB Portion less the number of Equity Shares Allotted to the Anchor Investors ("**Net QIB Portion**"). Further, 5% of the Net QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to Mutual Funds only, and the remainder of the QIB Portion shall be available for allocation on a proportionate basis to all QIB Bidders other than Anchor Investors, including Mutual Funds, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. However, if the aggregate demand from Mutual Funds is less than 5% of the Net QIB Portion, the balance FPO Equity Shares available for allocation will be added to the remaining QIB Portion for proportionate allocation to QIBs. Further, not less than 15% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Non-Institutional Bidders, in accordance with Regulation 129(1) of the SEBI ICDR Regulations, out of which (a) one third of such portion shall be reserved for Bidders with Bids exceeding ₹2,00,000 up to ₹10,00,000; and (b) two-third of such portion shall be reserved for applicants with Bids exceeding ₹10,00,000, provided that the unsubscribed portion in either of such sub-categories may be allocated to applicants in the other sub-category of Non-Institutional Bidders in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. Further, not less than 35% of the Net Offer shall be available for allocation to Retail Individual Bidders ("**RIBs**") in accordance with the SEBI ICDR Regulations, subject to valid Bids being received at or above the Offer Price. All potential Bidders, other than Anchor Investors, are required to mandatorily utilise the Application Supported by Blocked Amount ("**ASBA**") process by providing details of their respective bank account (including UPI ID in case of UPI Bidders) in which the corresponding Bid Amounts will be blocked by the SCSBs, or by the Sponsor Banks under the UPI Mechanism, as applicable to participate in the Offer. Anchor Investors are not permitted to participate in the Anchor Investor Portion through the ASBA process. For details, see *"Offer Procedure"* on page 698 of the RHP. The FPO Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("U.S. Securities Act") or any state securities laws in the United States, and unless so registered may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. Accordingly, such Equity Shares are being offered and sold (i) outside of the United States in offshore transactions in reliance on Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act and the applicable laws of the jurisdiction where those offers and sales occur; and (ii) to "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A under the U.S. Securities Act) in transactions exempt from the registration requirements under the U.S. Securities Act. The FPO Equity Shares have not been and will not be registered, listed or otherwise qualified in any other jurisdiction outside India and may not be offered or sold, and Bids may not be made by persons in any such jurisdiction, except in compliance with the applicable laws of such jurisdiction.

Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that DP ID, PAN, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI mechanism) are correctly filled in the Bid cum Application Form. The DP ID, PAN and Client ID provided in the Bid cum Application Form should match with the DP ID, PAN, Client ID available in the Depository database, otherwise, the Bid cum Application Form is liable to be rejected. Bidders/ Applicants should ensure that the beneficiary account provided in the Bid cum Application Form is active. Bidders/Applicants should note that on the basis of the PAN, DP ID, Client ID and UPI ID (for UPI Bidders bidding through the UPI mechanism) as provided in the Bid cum Application Form, the Bidder/Applicant may be deemed to have authorised the Depositories to provide to the Registrar to the Offer, any requested Demographic Details of the Bidder/Applicant as available on the records of the depositories. These Demographic Details may be used, among other things, for giving Allotment Advice or unblocking of ASBA Account or for other correspondence(s) related to the Offer. Bidders/Applicants are advised to update any changes to their Demographic Details as available in the records of the Depository Participant to ensure accuracy of records. Any delay resulting from failure to update the Demographic Details would be at the Bidders'/Applicants' sole risk. Investors must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated Feb 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021.

CONTENTS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY AS REGARDS ITS OBJECTS: For information on the main objects of the Company, please see the section *"History and Certain Corporate Matters"* on page 228 of the RHP. The Memorandum of Association of the Company is a material document for inspection in relation to the Offer. For further details, please see the section entitled *"Material Contracts and Documents for Inspection"* on page 723 of the RHP.

LIABILITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY: Limited by shares

AMOUNT OF SHARE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY AND CAPITAL STRUCTURE: As on the date of the RHP, the authorised share capital of the Company is ₹ 4,90,42,00,000 divided into 4,85,92,00,000 Equity Shares of ₹ 1 each and 45,00,000 preference shares of ₹10 each. The issued, subscribed and paid-up share capital of the Company is ₹ 1,14,00,01,121 divided into 1,14,00,01,121 Equity Shares of ₹ 1 each. For details, please see the section entitled *"Capital Structure"* beginning on page 79 of the RHP.

NAMES OF THE INITIAL SIGNATORIES TO THE MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF THE COMPANY AND THE NUMBER OF EQUITY SHARES SUBSCRIBED BY THEM: The initial signatories to the Memorandum of Association are Mahasukh S. Adani, Vinod S. Adani, Vasant S. Adani, Gautam S. Aadani, Rajesh S. Adani, Suvarna M. Adani, Pritiben G. Adani, Ranjan Vinodbhai Adani, Pushpa V. Adani and Shilin R. Adani. For details of the share capital history and capital structure of our Company, please see the section entitled *"Capital Structure"* beginning on page 79 of the RHP.

LISTING: The Equity shares are listed on BSE and NSE. The FPO Equity Shares offered through the Red Herring Prospectus are proposed to be listed on the Stock Exchanges. Our Company has received 'in-principle' approvals from BSE and NSE for the listing of the FPO Equity Shares pursuant to letters dated January 17, 2023. For the purposes of the Offer, NSE is the Designated Stock Exchange.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE BOARD OF INDIA ("SEBI"): SEBI only gives its observations on the offer documents and this does not constitute approval of either the Offer or the specified securities or the offer document. The investors are advised to refer to page 669-670 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of SEBI.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF BSE : It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by BSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the RHP has been cleared or approved by BSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the RHP. The investors are advised to refer to page 670 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of BSE.

DISCLAIMER CLAUSE OF NSE (DESIGNATED STOCK EXCHANGE) : It is to be distinctly understood that the permission given by NSE should not in any way be deemed or construed that the Offer Document has been cleared or approved by NSE nor does it certify the correctness or completeness of any of the contents of the Offer Document. The investors are advised to refer to page 670 of the RHP for the full text of the disclaimer clause of NSE.

GENERAL RISK: Investments in equity and equity-related securities involve a degree of risk and Bidders should not invest any funds in the Offer unless they can afford to take the risk of losing their investment. Bidders are advised to read the risk factors carefully before taking an investment decision in the Offer. For taking an investment decision, Bidders must rely on their own examination of our Company and the Offer, including the risks involved. The FPO Equity Share have neither been recommended, nor approved by the SEBI, nor does SEBI guarantee the accuracy or adequacy of the contents of the Red Herring Prospectus. Specific attention of the Bidders is invited to *"Risk Factors"* on page 26 of the RHP.

THE FPO EQUITY SHARES OF OUR COMPANY WILL GET LISTED ON BSE AND NSE

ASBA# | **Simple, Safe, Smart way of Application!!!**

Applications supported by blocked amount (ASBA) is a better way of applying to issues by simply blocking the fund in the bank account. For further details, check section on ASBA.

Mandatory in public issues. No cheque will be accepted.

UPI-Now available in ASBA for all individual investors applying in public issues where the Bid Amount is up to ₹ 500,000* applying through Registered Brokers, Syndicate, DPs & RTAs. Retail Individual Investors and Non-Institutional Bidders also have the option to submit the application directly to the ASBA Bank (SCSBs) or to use the facility of linked online trading, demat and bank account. Investors are required to ensure that the bank account used for bidding is linked to their PAN. Bidders must ensure that their PAN is linked with Aadhaar and are in compliance with CBDT notification dated February 13, 2020 and press release dated June 25, 2021

*As this is an Offer of partly paid up FPO Equity Shares, the Application Bid Amount payable is up to ₹ 250,000

ASBA has to be availed by all the investors except anchor investors. UPI may be availed by Retail Individual Investors. For details on the ASBA and UPI process, please refer to the details given in ASBA form and abridged prospectus and also please refer to the section "Offer Procedure" beginning on page 698 of the Red Herring Prospectus. The process is also available on the website of Association of Investment Bankers of India ("**AIBI**") and BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE", and together with BSE, the "Stock Exchanges") and in the General Information Document. ASBA bid-cum-application forms can be downloaded from the websites of Stock Exchanges and can be obtained from the list of banks that is displayed on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/ OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=35 and https://www.sebi.gov.in/sebiweb/other/OtherAction.do?doRecognisedFpi=yes&intmId=43, respectively as updated from time to time. For the list of UPI apps and banks live on FPO, please refer to the link: www.sebi.gov.in. UPI Bidders Bidding using the UPI mechanism may apply through the SCSBs and mobile applications whose names appear on the website of SEBI, as updated from time to time. Axis Bank Limited and ICICI Bank has been appointed as the Sponsor Banks for the Offer, in accordance with the requirements of the SEBI Circular dated November 1, 2018 as amended. For offer related queries, please contact the BRLMs on their respective email IDs as mentioned below. For UPI related queries, investors can contact NPCI at the toll free number: 18001201740 and mail Id: fpo.upi@npci.org.in.

BOOK RUNNING LEAD MANAGERS			REGISTRAR TO THE OFFER	Company Secretary and Compliance Officer
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AVAILABILITY OF THE RHP: Investors are advised to refer to the RHP and the *"Risk Factors"* beginning on page 26 of the RHP, before applying in the Offer. A copy of the RHP shall be available on website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in and is available on the websites of the **BRLMs**, i.e.ICICI Securities Limited , Jefferies India Private Limited, SBI Capital Markets Limited, Axis Capital Limited, BOB Capital Markets Limited, IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited, IIFL Securities Limited, Monarch Networth Capital Limited, and Elara Capital (India) Private Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, www.jefferies.com, www.sbicaps.com, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.bobcaps.in, www.idbicapital.com, www.jmfl.com, www.iiflcap.com, www.mnclgroup.com and www.elaracapital.com , respectively and on the websites of BSE and NSE at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively.

AVAILABILITY OF BID CUM APPLICATION FORMS: Bid cum Application Forms can be obtained from the Registered Office of **ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED, Telephone:** +91 79 2555 5555; **BRLMs : ICICI Securities Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6807 7100; **Jefferies India Private Limited, Tel:** +91 22 4356 6000; **SBI Capital Markets Limited, Tel:** +91 22 4006 9807; **Axis Capital Limited, Tel:** +91 22 4325 2183; **BOB Capital Markets Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6138 9353; **IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited, Tel:** +91 22 2217 1953; **JM Financial Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6630 3030/3262; **IIFL Securities Limited, Tel:** +91 22 46464728; **Monarch Networth Capital Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6883 6402; and **Elara Capital (India) Private Limited, Tel:** 91 22 6164 8599; **Syndicate Members: SBICAP Securities Limited, Tel:** +91-22-69316204; **Investec Capital Services (India) Private Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6849 7400; **Elara Securities (India) Private Limited, Tel:** + 91 6164 8599; **JM Financial Services Limited, Tel:** +91 22 6136 3400 and at the select locations of the Sub-syndicate Members (as given below), SCSBs, Registered Brokers, RTAs and CDPs participating in the Offer. ASBA Forms will also be available on the websites of BSE and NSE and the Designated Branches of SCSBs, the list of which is available at websites of the Stock Exchanges and SEBI.

Sub-Syndicate Members: Almondz Global Securities Ltd., Alankit Assignments Ltd., Anand Rathi Share & Stock Brokers Ltd., Angel Broking, Bajaj Capital Ltd., Bajaj Financial Securities Ltd., Bonanza Portfolio Ltd., Centrum Broking Ltd., Edelweiss Broking Ltd., Edelweiss Securities Ltd., Eurekha Stock & Share Brokers Ltd., Finwizard Technology Private Limited, Globe Capital Markets Ltd., HDFC Securities Limited, IDBI Capital Markets and Securities Limited, JM Financial Services Limited, Jobanputra Fiscal Services Private Limited, Keynote Capitals Limited, Kotak Securities Limited, LKP Securities Limited, Motilal Oswal Financial Services Limited, Nuvama Wealth and Investment Limited (Edelweiss Broking Limited), Prabhudas Lilladher Pvt. Ltd., Pravin Ratilal Share & Stock Brokers Ltd., Prudent Corporate Advisory Services Ltd., Religare Broking Ltd., Reliance Securities, RR Equity Brokers Pvt. Ltd., Sharekhan Ltd., SMC Global Securities Ltd., Systematix shares and stock India Ltd., Tradebulls Securities Limited, Upstox, Yes Securities (India) Ltd. and Zerodha

Escrow Collection Bank(s)/ Refund Bank(s): Axis Bank Limited • **Public Offer Account Bank :** Axis Bank Limited and ICICI Bank Limited • **Sponsor Bank (s) :** Axis Bank Limited and ICICI Bank Limited • **UPI:** UPI Bidders can also bid through UPI Mechanism

All capitalized terms used herein and not specifically defined shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the RHP.

Place: Ahmedabad
Date: January 25, 2023

For ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED
On behalf of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Jatin Jalundhwala
Company Secretary and Compliance Officer

ADANI ENTERPRISES LIMITED is proposing, subject to applicable statutory and regulatory requirements, receipt of requisite approvals, market conditions and other considerations, to make an further public Offer of its Equity Shares and has filed the RHP with RoC on January 18, 2023. The RHP shall be available on the website of SEBI at www.sebi.gov.in, websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE and NSE at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and is available on the websites of the BRLMs i.e. ICICI Securities Limited , Jefferies India Private Limited, SBI Capital Markets Limited, Axis Capital Limited, BOB Capital Markets & Securities Limited, IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited, JM Financial Limited, IIFL Securities Limited, Monarch Networth Capital Limited, and Elara Capital (India) Private Limited at www.icicisecurities.com, www.jefferies.com, www.sbicaps.com, www.axiscapital.co.in, www.bobcaps.in, www.idbicapital.com, www.jmfl.com, www.iiflcap.com, www.mnclgroup.com and www.elaracapital.com , respectively. Investors should note that investment in equity shares involves a high degree of risk and for details relating to such risk, please see the section entitled *"Risk Factors"* on page 26 of the RHP.

These materials are not for publication or distribution, directly or indirectly, in or into the United States. These materials are not an offer for the sale of the Equity Shares or other securities in the United States or elsewhere. The Equity Shares referred to herein have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended and may not be offered or sold within the United States, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the registration requirements of the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. **No public offering of the Equity Shares or other securities is being made in the United States.**

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For the first time, the Mysuru division of the South Western Railways' freight earnings crossed Rs 100 crore in a month. This was revealed by divisional railway manager Rahul Agarwal while addressing a Republic Day celebration gathering in Mysuru on Thursday

MOMENT OF GLORY FOR K'TAKA PADMA AWARDEES

'I dedicate award to people of Karnataka'

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FORMER chief minister **SM Krishna** dedicated the Padma Vibhushan award to the people of Karnataka who nurtured him for six decades.

Krishna, a former External Affairs Minister under the UPA regime, thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for the award.

Krishna said he had not expected the award and said he was humbled to accept it and grateful to the government of India and people of Karnataka.

In 2017, Krishna joined the BJP after ending his nearly 50-year association with the Congress. The veteran politician recently announced his retirement from active politics.

As Karnataka CM from 1999 to 2004, he was credited with taking several initiatives that helped the Information Technology sector's growth in the state and putting Bengaluru on the global map.

"My heartiest congratulations to Shri SM Krishna on being bestowed the Padma Vibhushan. He has been a great visionary CM of Karnataka under whose leadership Bengaluru became the IT/BT/Science capital and the World's Software Capital. Jai Hind," tweeted Biocon Chief Kiran Mazumdar Shaw.

Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar said the visionary leader contributed immensely to making Bengaluru the IT hub of India.

"SM Krishna avarige Padma Vibushana What a proud, proud moment for all of us Kannadigas! A statesman and one of the best CM's Karnataka has ever had. Such wonderful news- my father would celebrated if he were alive today Many many congratulations, Sir!" tweeted former MP Divya Spandana.

Mysuru district minister ST Somashekhar felicitates novelist SL Bhyrappa in Mysuru on Thursday | UDAYASHANKAR S

'Have got award because Modi is PM'

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NOVELIST SL Bhyrappa, who has been conferred with the Padma Bhushan, expressed his happiness over the recognition from the government. District in-charge minister S T Somashekhar, BJP state chief Nalin Kumar Kateel, MLA S A Ramadas along with officials visited his residence and felicitated him on Thursday. Bhyrappa said that the biggest reward for a writer is not these awards but when readers read their books and share their opinion.

At a time when there are discussions on social media about novelist Bhyrappa being given the award award for being soft on the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the 'Saraswathi Samman' awardee told reporters, "Yes, I am being conferred with Padma Bhushan since Modi is the PM. But as a writer, I feel, more than these awards, the biggest rewar is about the relevance of our literary work even after our death. Even today, Kumara Vyasa is remembered, even after 500 years we refer Vysa Bharata... that is the biggest reward for a writer," he said.

Further he was in full praise for Modi and opined that he is the best PM he has seen so far and wished to see him for one more term till 2029. "I have not seen any other prime minister who is so much dedicated and disciplined," he added.

'A surprise and great honour'

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"THE award came as a surprise. I don't even know who nominated me for it. It is a great honour that people recognise me for the little work I do, with the the third highest national award. I had received the Padma Shri 17 years ago, and now this is even more inspiring," **Sudha Murty,** who was awarded the Padma Bhushan, told *TNIE.*

Born in Haveri, Sudha Murty is well known as an educationist, philanthropist, founder and chairperson of Infosys Foundation.

She is also a prolific author, having published several books in Kannada and English, which have been adapted to TV and cinema. The Infosys Foundation has worked towards providing and improving several facilities in rural areas, including schools with libraries, and contributing significantly to healthcare facilities in the country. She said she will continue to work for the people at the same pace.

Murty has been honoured with several awards for her work in various fields, including science, healthcare and education. The Padma Shri was conferred on her in 2006, by then President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam.

'PADMA SHRI HAS RENEWED MY ENERGY'

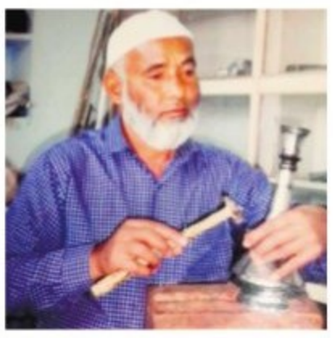
DR KHADAR VALI, popularly known as 'Millet Man of India', and a Mysuru resident, thanked the Union Government for conferring him with the Padma Shri award. Expressing happiness over the recognition, Dr Vali said, "Since the last two-and-a- half decades, I have been appealing to people to switch to millet meal for a disease- free life and throwing light on the corporate food consuming culture. Though policy makers and media were silent on this all these years, it was Prime Minister Modi who called Millet as a good food. At a time when the International Year of Millet is being observed, it feels so honoured to get this recognition which has given me a renewed energy and big boost," he said.

'IT IS AN HONOUR FOR BIDRIWARE ART'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kalaburagi

"THE Padma Shri has been given to me, but it is an honour for the art of Bidriware, the artists working on it and all of Bidar district," said renowned Bidriware artist **Rashid Ahmed Quadri,** 67, who is among the eight personalities from Karnataka to receive the award this year. Quadri told *TNIE* that Bidar DC Govind Reddy's call to inform him about the Union government's award on Wednesday evening, came as a complete surprise. "It is the first time that Bidriware and Bidar district are getting the Padma," he said. "In fact, I applied for the prestigious award a few times some 5-6 years ago, but when I didn't get it I stopped applying. Now, the government has honoured the art by recognising my service in this field for over five decades."

The Padma Shri is the most colourful feather in Quadri's cap, which is already decorated with the State Award in 1984, National Award in 1988, District Karnataka Rajyotsava Award in 1996, and The Great Indian Achievers' Award in 2004.



'Recognition is a boost to ancient folk art'

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ON being chosen for the award, he said it came as a surprise to him, adding, he hopes that the recognition will go a long way in giving a boost to the ancient folk art. He said his tireless efforts for decades have paid off and he thanked God and his forefathers' blessings for the honour bestowed on him.

Munivenkatappa's nephew Prasanna Kumar (27), who works as a waterman in the village and also performs Tamate, is taking care of him after all three daughters of the legendary artiste got married. Munivenkatappa's only son Praveen passed away at the age of 14.

Prasanna said that after the BDA cancelled the allotment of the site to his uncle, the family was deeply concerned and appealed to the state government to re-allot the site as an honour to Munivenkatappa.

Visitors have a look at sarees at the Khadi Utsav-2023 in Bengaluru on Thursday; (below) CM Bommai garlands the statue of Mahatma Gandhi| NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Rift wide open: 'Go back Ashoka' posters appear in Mandya

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@ Mysuru

IN what could dent the ruling BJP's chances in old Mysuru region including Mandya in the forthcoming Assembly polls, 'Go back Ashoka' posters were seen pasted in various streets in the constituency. The posters were found on prominent structures on VV Road, Subash Nagar and Ashoknagar.

The appointment of Revenue Minister R Ashok as the district in-charge minister replacing Excise Minister Gopalaiah has not gone down well with the rank and file of party. Some partymen have alleged that the party high command was doing adjustment politics with the JDS. They feel that this move could lead to the drubbing of the BJP in the polls.

The BJP had opened its account in KR Pete with the victory of its candidate KC Narayana Gowda, who was made the district incharge minister. Recalling Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement that there is no scope for adjustment politics in Mandya, BJP leader Siddaramu Gowda said that KC Narayana Gowda was replaced by Gopalaiah as the district minister. He said Gopalaiah has done a good job and wondered why he has been replaced by Minister R Ashoka. Some BJP leaders, requesting anonymity, said that Ashoka has good understanding with the JDS which could lead to a repeat of 2018 election.

Ashoka maintained that all is well in the BJP and accused opposition parties of carrying out the poster campaign.

IT IS CM'S DECISION, SAYS GOPALAIAH

Hassan: Excise Minister Gopalaiah said he is satisfied with his role as district incharge minister of Mandya for three years. Speaking to reporters after unfurling the Tricolour to mark Republic Day celebrations, he said the power to change district ministers is vested with the chief minister. CM Basavaraj Bommai had appointed him as Mandya district incharge minister when Revenue Minister R Ashoka refused to accept the post. However, with Assembly polls fast approaching, the CM has now replaced Gopalaiah with Ashoka.

Upcoming state budget will strengthen khadi industry, says Bommai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurated the 'Khadi Utsav-2023' in the city on Thursday. Speaking at the event, Bommai said that after agriculture, textile sector employees the maximum number of people in India, especially rural areas, and hence more efforts are being put in to create more jobs and business opportunities in the khadi industry.

Bommai said that the upcoming state budget will give more emphasis and financial assistance to khadi and village industries.

Those working in the khadi and handloom sector are technologically challenged and hence, steps will be taken to educate them on how to imbibe technology in the production and retail stage as well, Bommai said.

The authorities concerned must take appropriate steps in educating people to sell their products on e-commerce platforms like Amazon and Flipkart, he added.

The government has also taken steps to empower women in the production sector by providing them incentives of up to Rs 5 lakh, he added. Bommai asserted that the working class population will be given priority in the budget. He further added that necessary steps will also be taken to enhance the financial strength of the Khadi Gramodyog Institute.

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Basavaraj Bommai, CM

Bommai remembered Mahatma Gandhi and said he gave importance to khadi.

The khadi industry should not be made a large-scale manufacturing unit but continue to be a production by the masses to ensure maximum people are provided employment in India, he said.

The utsav is organised by the Karnataka State Khadi and Village Industries Board.

POLITICAL THEATRE

Amit Shah to visit Belagavi tomorrow

Belagavi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah will arrive in MK Hubli, near Belagavi, on January 28 for BJP's Jana Sankalpa Yatra. BJP MLC Laxman Savadi said that the BJP is holding the yatra with an objective to win at least 150 seats in the Assembly elections. To help the BJP achieve its target, he said, Shah will inaugurate the Jana Sankalpa Yatra in Belagavi district. He called upon BJP workers to ensure that voters are apprised of the programmes and development works implemented by the BJP government in the state. **ENS**

Jobs to kin of Ch'nagar O_2 tragedy victims, says DKS

Mysuru: Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president DK Shivakumar on Thursday said that if voted to power in the ensuing Assembly election in Karnataka, the Congress will provide employment to the kin of the 36 people who died due to shortage of oxygen in Chamarajanagar district hospital during the pandemic in 2021. Addressing the Congress' Praja Dhwani rally here, the Kanakapura MLA said that the process of providing the jobs will start once the Congress forms the government in the state to help families that have lost its breadwinners. He also hit out at the health minister, district minister and the deputy commissioner for failing to condole the deaths. Recalling that the Congress had extended Rs1 lakh financial assistance to the families, Shivakumar said that a member each from the 36 families will be given employment as CM Basavaraj Bommai "has no ears or heart". **ENS**

NARI SHAKTI

Karnataka showcased woman power at this year's Republic Day parade in New Delhi through its tableau which depicted Sulagitti Narasamma, a midwife, and environmentalists Tulsi Gowda Halakki and Saalumarada Thimmakka | SHEKHAR YADAV

Ratnakar stages overnight protest, wants cases be withdrawn against partymen

ENS @ Shivamogga

FOLLOWING the attack on Congress workers recently in Thirthahalli, former minister and Congress leader Kimmane Ratnakar staged a 'sleep protest' in front of the DySP's office in Thirthahalli on Wednesday night. He condemned the false cases filed against three innocent persons and demanded an impartial probe by police.

Ratnakar demanded that police give a B-report for the three people who weren't involved in the attack on Tuesday night.

The clash was sparked off by a quarrel betweeen Congress activist Sachin and autodriver Harish. After Sachin was attacked by BJP workers, Vishu, Chetu, Karthik and others attacked Harish. Both Sachin and Harish sustained injuries, but the latter sustained major head injuries and was admitted to McGann Hospital. On Wednesday, Ratnakar visited teh hospital to call on Harish. Later, cases and counter cases were filed in Thirthahalli police station.

Ratnakar later told the media that law and order has collapsed in Thirthahalli assembly constituency, and the failure of the home department was evident. Police should arrest those who attacked Congress workers or we will have to protest, he said. He also said that BJP workers were blaming Congress workers on Facebook.

Ratnakar told TNIE that he staged an overnight protest as cases were filed against the innocent, and among them, one person was to fly abroad on Friday. "The SP gave me a positive assurance so I gave up my protest," he said.

Will go to voters if quota demand not met, says seer

ENS @ Bengaluru

AHEAD of the state Assembly elections which are barely 3-4 months away, Panchamsali community seer Basava Jayamrutyunjaya Swamiji has reiterated his demand for the 2A reservation status for the community.

The Swamiji, who is leading a protest over the reservation issue for the past several months, has warned the government not to take the community's support for granted. He said if the government fails to pay heed to their demand, he would not hesitate to go to all 224 constituencies across the state and expose the failures of elected legislators of all three parties – BJP, Congress, JDS -- with regard to the community's demand.

He said their ongoing agitation at Freedom Park over the 2A reservation issue, which entered the 13th day, will continue till their demand is met. He also that he has written letters to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah in this regard and is hopeful of a positive response from them.

TDP general secretary Nara Lokesh will embark on the 'Yuva Galam' padayatra from Kuppam on Friday. Lokesh's padayatra will culminate at Ichapuram in Srikakulam district, covering a distance of 4,000 kms in 400 days

Separate Republic Day celebrations held at residences of Telangana Governor and Chief Minister

TS GUV, KCR SPAT SPILLS INTO R-DAY

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad

THE discord between Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan and Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao became evident, as separate Republic Day celebrations were at the Raj Bhavan and Telangana Bhavan on Thursday.

In her address, Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan went on the offensive against the state government and even took an indirect dig at CM K Chandrasekhar Rao. She announced that she would send a report against the state government to the Centre for "undermining Republic Day activities and for not respecting the Constitution". "All farmers should have farmhouses," she said, allegedly in an indirect jab directed at the CM during her address in Raj Bhavan, while lamenting that only a few farmers owned such expensive properties at present. Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari and DGP Anjani Kumar and other officials attended the function at Raj Bhavan.

As Tamilisai, who is also the Lt Governor of Puducherry, had to attend the Republic Day event at the Union Territory, the function at Raj Bhavan was held at 7 am. Speaking to reporters in Puducherry, she said she had not expected the CM to attend the Republic Day function at Raj Bhavan. "In fact, I wrote a letter to the state government with a request to conduct Republic Day celebrations in a grand manner," she added.

She said she received a letter from the state government two days ago, stating that the function would be held at Raj Bhavan and that the CS and DGP would be attending. "Some well-wishers approached the HC. The state government wanted me to unfurl the flag at Raj Bhavan due to time constraints," she said.

"There is no public participation in Republic Day celebrations, undermining the importance of the day. The state government did not follow the guidelines issued by the Centre about conducting the function. It will be written in the history of Telangana that the Constitution was not respected," she added.

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao (left) and Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan take part in separate Republic Day celebrations in Hyderabad on Thursday | EXPRESS

BRS to approach President

A day earlier, the Telangana High Court directed the state government to conduct Republic Day celebrations. Rao, after unfurling the national flag at Pragathi Bhavan, visited Parade Grounds and paid floral tributes at the Martyrs Memorial. He also lit the Amar Jawan Jyoti. However, he skipped the function held at Raj Bhavan. In response, the BRS has indicated it will lodge a complaint with President Droupadi Murmu against the governor for making political comments against the CM.

TAMIL NADU GUV AND CM STALIN SHAKE HANDS, SPEAK MIND

Governor RN Ravi and Chief Minister MK Stalin at the R-Day celebration in Chennai on Thursday | PJAWAHAR

CHENNAI: After the bitter rancor over the past few weeks, Governor RN Ravi and Chief Minister M K Stalin came face to face, shook hands, and exchanged formal greetings at the Republic Day celebration held on the Marina on Thursday. But the Republic Day messages issued by the constitutional head and the administrative head of the state resonated with their divergent political positions and ideologies. While the governor urged people to be vigilant about external forces and groups such as PFI that are uncomfortable with the rise of new India, CM Stalin drew attention to the country's diversity and inclusiveness and asked people to eradicate social evils that divide society. "Unfortunately, they (PFI) have a significant presence in Tamil Nadu. They had the audacity to demonstrate their presence with several bomb attacks leading to the government of India banning them," the governor said, recalling the Coimbatore car blast incident. "When our country is on a historic march forward, we need to remain alert to the forces trying to disrupt the pace of our rise," Ravi said. ENS

YSRC govt achieved 'Gram Swaraj' in 43 months: AP Guv

ENS @ Vijayawada

THE YSRC government has established itself as a government of deeds and not just words, Andhra Pradesh Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan remarked, while speaking on the sidelines of the 74th Republic Day celebrations at IGMC Stadium on Thursday. He unfurled the Tricolour and took the guard of honour in the presence of CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

"In the past 43 months, the state government has carried out the essence of the 73-year-old Constitution in true letter and spirit," the governor said, adding that the government has achieved real 'Gram Swaraj', which cannot be seen anywhere in the country.

Elaborating, he said, "To fulfil Mahatma Gandhi's vision of 'Grama Swarajyam', the government established 15,004 village and ward secretariats with an aim to deliver the benefits of welfare schemes to all eligible persons, irrespective of their caste, creed, religion, region, gender and political affiliation, in a time-bound and transparent manner. As many as 2.65 lakh volunteers are distributing pensions to the beneficiaries even before sunrise on the first day of every month, besides delivering many other services."

It is *Kashmir Files* vs BBC documentary at Hyd varsity campus

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Hyderabad

MILD tension prevailed in the University of Hyderabad (UoH) on Thursday as students belonging to the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and the Students' Federation of India (SFI) screened *The Kashmir Files* and the banned BBC documentary on the Gujarat riots, separately, on the campus.

ABVP students staged a protest outside the campus' main gate alleging that the college security personnel were not letting students inside. ABVP central working committee member Sharavan B Raj said, "Hindrances were created on the instructions of the university Vice-Chancellor. Due to this, the screening of *The Kashmir Files* depicting the exodus of Kashmiri migrants in the 1990s, was delayed for an hour."

The recent screening of *India: The Modi Question*, the outlawed documentary, in the Velivada block of the campus had given rise to conflict between the two student groups. In response, the ABVP had given a call to screen the Anupam Kher-starrer.

The north complex, which was the proposed venue for the screening of both movies, was abuzz with a mix of excitement and tension in the run-up to the shows.

Before the screening, SFI activists led a rally from the North Hostel block to the shopping complex in the block to uphold the ideals of the Indian Constitution on the occasion of Republic Day. However, they later informed visitors of a change in the venue of the screening.

Later in the day, UoH Registrar Dr Devesh Nigam issued a statement saying that the Dean of Students' Welfare had counselled the student groups and appealed to them not to screen any of the movies to maintain law and order. Nigam said peace and tranquillity was needed as end-semester exams were starting next week.

While he said that the administration has learnt that only one of the groups staged a screening in one of the hostels, sources said both movies were screened.

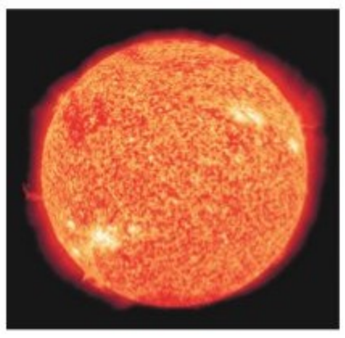
No clashes or instances of vandalism were recorded.

IIA hands over crucial payload to ISRO for India's 1st solar mission

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

IN a major boost to India's first mission to the Sun, the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) on Thursday handed over the Visible Line Emission Coronagraph (VELC) payload to the Indian Space Research Organisation for India's first space mission, Aditya L1, to observe the Sun and the solar corona to be launched in June-July 2023.

The VELC is the primary payload on board Aditya-L1, designed as an internally occulted reflective coronagraph and has been assembled, tested, and calibrated at the Centre for Research and Education in Science and Technology (CREST) Campus of the IIA.



One of the main puzzles in solar astrophysics is that the atmosphere of the Sun (called the Corona) is at a temperature of about a million degrees Celsius, whereas the surface of the Sun is only a little below 6,000 degrees Celsius. Answering this puzzle needs continuous observations of the Corona, right from its lowermost boundary upwards. However, it is very difficult to discard the extremely bright light from the surface of the Sun (the Sun's disk) and observe the lower Corona. The VELC has an 'internal occulter' which separates out the light from the disk and discards it. The remaining light which is from the Corona, from 1.05 Ro to 3 Ro (where Ro is the radius of the Sun) is sent for further processing. VELC weighs 90kg and is 0.7m X 1.1m X 700mm in dimension.

VELC is the largest and one of the most technically challenging of the seven payloads/telescopes that will fly on Aditya-L1. ISRO will now conduct further testing of VELC and its eventual integration with the Aditya-L1 spacecraft. The IIA successfully finished assembling, testing and calibrating the VELC at its CREST campus in Hoskote, Bengaluru.

Accepting a 3D-printed model of the VELC payload from IIA, ISRO Chairman, S Somanath, said, "ISRO aims to pay an important role in future science experiments in space and an ecosystem needs to be created for this, including a roadmap for the next few decades."

M Sankaran, Director of UR Rao Space Centre, ISRO, said an Aditya-L1 helpdesk is being planned which will help scientists and students understand and use Aditya-L1 data.

PHC staffers to procure drugs locally

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A supplier in Bengaluru said since their bills were pending, they decided to completely stop supplies. While the vendors said bills worth Rs 50 crore were pending before the state government for clearance, suppliers claimed it to be much higher to the tune of Rs 100 crore.

Dr Chandra said certain tenders of the KSMSCL were not cleared so far, which led to shortage of supplies. "Till then, we have asked the PHC staffers to procure drugs locally from Jan Aushadhi Kendras depending on their needs and pass on the bills to the state government to clear them," he said, adding that their regular tenders should be through in another few days, after which they will be will be able ensure regular supplies.

Somashekhar SJ, former Managing Director, KSMSCL, who was relieved from his post on Wednesday, said the procedures for clearing pending bills with the suppliers were lengthy and that several reasons could be there for bills yet to be cleared. He, however, did not provide specific reasons for it. A BBMP health department official revealed that KSMSCL department was not clearing bills due to the constantly changing managerial authorities. Meanwhile, a new managing director for KSMSCL is yet to take Somashekhar's place.

LEOPARDS ON THE PROWL

Time for people-centric solutions: Experts

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

IN the past three months, there have been 10 cases of leopards being captured from T Narasipura and relocated to conducive habitats, says a Karnataka forest department report. Assessing this, experts say it is time to look for people-centric solutions, rather than animal-centric ones.

With cases increasing, the National Tiger Conservation Authority is once again asking the state government to submit a report. Earlier, a letter seeking details was sought in December 2022.

Experts point out that Karnataka is the only state where the government is antagonistic in its approach in involving conservationists and NGOs, while connecting with citizens. They say attention should be paid to co-existence, rather than relocation of animals. "The population of leopards and prey base is so high in Karnataka and India, that if one leopard is captured and relocated, another takes its place. This is because of the healthy cattle, dog and pig population in human habitations. Municipalities, the revenue department and NGOs should work together, especially in T Narasipura and other conflict-prone areas," experts said.

Forest officials said in the past two months, they have placed camera traps and cages to capture elusive leopards. The district administration has issued orders to clear sugarcane fields, asked people not to venture out at night and call the forest department in case of emergencies. The department is also discussing taking up a carrying capacity study for leopards in the state. "Forest staffers say people should not go out at night, but the problem of open defecation is not addressed... People are attacked when they go to attend nature's call. The couching position looks like easy prey for a hungry wild animal. To address such issues, involvement of NGOs and government agencies is important," added experts. Noted leopard ecologist Vidya Atreya said solutions should be people-centric and not animal-centric, and that it is important to work with people.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife, Rajiv Ranjan said all camera trap images were being checked to see which one had attacked. Every month, cases of leopard capture are rising. He said so far, no shoot at sight orders have been issued, and the plan is to capture the leopard.

TIGER CENSUS AT NAGARAHOLE FROM TODAY

BENGALURU: As part of the tiger census being carried out every year in various tiger reserves of Karnataka, staffers of Nagarhole Tiger Reserve will start the eight-day-long exercise from January 27. The training for the exercise was held on January 26 at Veeranhosahally Range for all staffers. The phase -I exercise will continue till February 6. In each beat, the officers will carry out sign survey for carnivores and mega herbivores. All details of direct and indirect sightings will be uploaded on MSTrIPES – Ecological app. Prey density and vegetation plot survey will be also be carried out in each line transects of the respective beats for the next 3-6 days, based on the number of the line transects in each beat.

Leopard which killed people in T Narasipura finally trapped

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

VILLAGERS of T Narasipura taluk heaved a sigh of relief as foresters trapped the elusive leopard which was responsible for killing people in the last couple of days in the region.

The leopard, which has allegedly killed people in T Narasipura taluk, sits in a cage on Thursday | UDAYASHANKAR S

According to forest officials, they had installed camera traps in the region after an 11-year-old boy was killed at Horalahalli village in the taluk, and on Wednesday, the leopard was captured on camera at the very spot. Following this, the officials had placed a cage to trap it, and on Thursday morning, the leopard got trapped. "The rosette pattern of the big cat matched and has been verified. The male leopard seems to be aged five years and we suspect that this could be the one which had killed two persons -- the 11-year-old boy and 60-year-old Siddamma within a gap of two days," said a senior forest officer in the team, which is working to catch the big cat.

Meanwhile, the news of the leopard trapped in the cage spread like wildfire and villagers from across the region gathered and demanded that forest officials kill the animal. Tension prevailed in the village on Thursday, and in order to avoid untoward incidents, the leopard was shifted from the place immediately.

District minister S T Somashekhar said the elusive leopard which had spread fear among the villagers has been finally trapped.

"The superintendent of police and deputy commissioner will hold a review meeting soon. There have been calls since morning from the villagers who are demanding that the leopard be killed. We need to consult forest officials and take a call on the next course of action," said the minister.

Over the last couple of days, over 130 forest personnel have been deployed in T Narasipura and they are expected to continue there after they had received information of leopard sightings in different locations as well.

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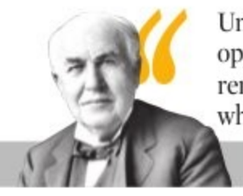

Unfortunately, there seems to be far more opportunity out there than ability... We should remember that good fortune often happens when opportunity meets with preparation

Thomas Edison

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— Ramnath Goenka

MORE JOBLESS, BUT ACCURATE DATA MUST FOR CORRECTIVE POLICIES

India's unemployment data is in the spotlight yet again. Last December, it touched a 16-month high at 8.3%, as per CMIE. Although total employment reached the pre-pandemic level of 410 million in December, the urban unemployment rate shot up to 10.1%. Before the pandemic, it stood at 6–7%. The Centre dismissed the data as not much chop, citing the under-representation of poorer households. But its own NSSO quarterly reading for the September quarter also showed a moderate unemployment rate decline at 7.2% from 7.6% during the June quarter. Even if you overlook the divergence in official and private estimates, the need for faster job creation is undeniable.

More so because India is likely to overtake China as the world's most populous country this year, and the lack of adequate jobs could turn into a nightmare and can spark nationwide unrest. The number of people entering the workforce is increasing at an alarming speed, and the government estimates India's working-age population to cross one billion by the next decade. If providing enough employment opportunities is one aspect, another equally important area is ensuring decent wages. The government cannot sit on its hands on either. Above all, the need to improve the country's labour force participation rate, which is the number of the active workforce and people looking for work, is also critical. It stood at 46%, the lowest across Asia, according to the World Bank's 2021 estimates.

The government began with good intentions to reform data compiling methods and scrapped the archaic annual Employment-Unemployment surveys and the quarterly enterprise surveys in 2017 and 2018, respectively. But ahead of the 2019 general elections, it courted controversy for withholding the NSSO's FY18 jobs report that pegged the unemployment rate at a four-decade-high of 6.1%. Subsequently, it began publishing monthly data sourcing from the EPFO database, but that's criticised for capturing limited formal sector employment. Various economists, including Jean Drèze and Anmol Somanchi, called out CMIE's data for methodological flaws. This brings us to the bottom line: there's an urgent need for reliable, official statistics on jobs and all other key indicators. The absence of reliable socio-economic data makes it difficult to determine the potential and the extent of underlying problems. It's time the government faces the home truth that flawed data often leads to bad policy.

ALLAY FARMERS' FEARS ABOUT URBAN INFRA

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), headed by Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, as everyone knows, is aspiring to be a national party and has even come up with the slogan, *'abki baar kisan sarkar'*. Back home, however, the BRS government has faced farmers' fury over its proposed planned urban development. It had sought draft master plans for the development of municipalities and corporations. Late last year, matters came to a head when protests broke out in Kamareddy and Jagtial in north Telangana.

Apprehensive about losing his land, one farmer ended his life, igniting widespread anger in Kamareddy, which ultimately forced the government to keep the draft on hold indefinitely. This is important for more reasons than one because it goes to the heart of the matter: what kind of development do we want to see in New India? If we take the Kamareddy draft master plan, for instance, the authorities proposed industrial, green, commercial, and residential zones.

Approximately 1000 acres of farmers' land came under its ambit. The government has since clarified that no farmer would be forced to part with his land and insisted that this was simply a draft, which is true. But, if we are to go by the locals' version, there was a glaring communication gap. Not many were even aware of the plan, and that objections had been invited until the farmer's death. Irrespective of what the government says, they are rightly worried that they might be short-changed. The market value of their lands is much higher than what the government pays based on registration value.

The authorities usually conduct public hearings in a low-key manner, and the officials go through the motions in a typical bureaucratic style. Given the sensitivity of the issue, even a draft plan creates panic. An empathetic approach is needed to first inform the farmers. Besides, we must consider the cost-benefit analysis of the proposed zones. This is not to dismiss planned urbanisation. The state and the country need it. For now, the BRS government has shelved its plans. And, it is unlikely it would like to stir the hornet's nest in this election year. But it has to find a way sooner or later. Not just BRS. Every other party must address this issue to achieve development without dislocation.

QUICK TAKE

SMART BUILDING SMART ENERGY

Smart building technologies must become mandatory in India as part of the climate protection exercise to reduce emissions. A smart building combines digitisation and decarbonisation operations. In a normal building use of resources like water and energy and technologies, including heating and cooling, security and lighting, are managed separately. In a smart building, central software integrates, automates, and displays centralised data to manage costs and maximise operational efficiency. Thus, energy consumption can reduce by 40%. The WEF says real estate drives a third of global emissions—linking smart building tech with India's smart cities can help achieve climate commitments faster.

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TRIUMPHALISM AND PRAGMATISM MARK BJP MOOD AT SESSION

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"Soft power" and "goodwill" were phrases and words which buzzed around at the recently held BJP national executive session. Prime Minister Narendra Modi underlined their significance in his concluding address, stating that the BJP should embrace a "new" style of politics to "create soft power and goodwill" among all sections and enhance its numbers in the 2024 parliamentary elections.

"Goodwill" is appropriately anodyne but "soft power" that is usually used as a characterisation in international relations merits a closer look in the background of domestic politics. Coined by US political scientist Joseph Nye in his 1990 book *Bound to Lead* that challenged the then conventional view of the decline of American power, Nye said, "I felt that something was still missing—the ability to affect others by attraction and persuasion rather than just coercion and payment."

Nye elaborated on the etymology of "soft power" in a February 2017 paper titled, *Soft power: the origins and political process of a concept* (published by Humanities and Social Sciences Communications). He wrote, "Everything was coercion and payments, but sometimes people influence others by ideas and attraction that set the agenda for others or get them to want what you want..." He tried a variety of terms to summarise these thoughts and settled on "soft power".

What did the term signify for Modi and the BJP in a sitting convened to essentially deliberate on the state elections in 2023 which are a mixed bag for the party? It was about reaching out to the "marginalised and minority communities", in particular the latter because the combination of political Hindutva and welfare packages have successfully drawn vast sections of the under-empowered into the BJP's fold. Among the minorities, the PM was quoted as singling out the Pasmanda and Bohra who represent two ends of the Muslim socio-economic spectrum: the Pasmandas form the depressed classes while the Bohras who traditionally engaged with trade and commerce in western India enjoy a degree of financial and social leverage.

The self-declared gestures do not wholly square up with ground realities, particularly in BJP-ruled provinces such as Madhya Pradesh, where the approaching elections have expectedly amped up rhetoric and action. Last week, a Muslim, identified as Shahbaz, was thrashed outside a Khandwa mall by "vigilantes" for reportedly speaking to a Hindu woman after which a complaint of sexual assault was registered against him. For a long time, such attacks were explained away as "spontaneous" outbursts from the rank and file of the Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad and, therefore, presumably outside the administration's purview although in the Khandwa episode, six attackers were arrested. But when senior ministers issued statements, amounting to dog whistles, will the foot soldiers not take the message and respond? Usha Thakur described madrassas as the "breeding grounds of terrorism" while recently, Narottam Mishra, the home minister, warned that the government would vet the study material in madrassas and expunge the "objectionable" content. How will the BJP and Centre address the gap that exists between the intent to exercise "soft power" and the existence of hard force?

The executive meet was convened before nine states vote this year, starting with Tripura, Meghalaya and Nagaland. BJP's wisdom would have it that their outcome will create an ambience for the 2024 battle although it is worth stressing that each state has its own dynamics and idiosyncrasies that are out of step with those existing at the Centre and BJP-governed places. Of course the BJP side-stepped such issues by aligning and co-opting the dominant force in each northeastern region including Tripura, where it allied with the Indigenous People's Front of Tripura in the last elections and rode to victory.

Since winning elections are the sine qua non for the BJP's existence, the executive meet made it clear that Prime Minister Narendra Modi remained its most bankable asset—his persona was unassailable and the Opposition's endeavour to traduce him was negated by the verdicts coming from the Supreme Court. Invoking the apex court for endorsement is significant considering that the Centre and the judiciary are again on a collision course over the appointment of judges. However, Modi and Amit Shah, the home minister and the BJP's principal political strategist, are level-headed enough to know that an individual's charisma alone cannot combat ground realities. Their political reflexes kicked in promptly.

Consider Tripura which the BJP is deeply invested in ever since it dislodged the Left Front in 2018. It lost its ally, the IPFT, to the new kid on the block, Pradyot Debbarma, who quit the Congress and launched his outfit TIPRA Motha that champions the need for a separate Adivasi state. Every "mainstream" party is nurtured by the vote of the dominant Bengali population and endorsing the TIPRA Motha's demand is not only problematic but a potential call for defeat. Undaunted and at the first whiff of news that the Left and Congress were courting Debbarma, the BJP dispatched its nodal man in the northeast, Himanta Biswa Sarma, the Assam chief minister, to meet Debbarma at Delhi, setting off the speculation that a pre-poll alliance was being worked on. Reality check: the same day, a TIPRA Motha backer was murdered in Tripura's Kamalpur sub-division amid heightened tensions between Debbarma's supporters and those of the BJP.

It is imperative for the BJP to retain not only Tripura but expand the frontiers of growth in the east and the south, since its "politics of saturation"—a slogan that was bandied at the Delhi meet—has peaked in the north and the west, and a decline, however marginal, is inevitable. The project entails going beyond Assam to keep the handsome gains it made in West Bengal in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls and looking outside of Karnataka, its only southern outpost, at Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

It's a formidable call and the provocative statements and moves of some of the southern governors, who have arrogated to themselves the Opposition's role, will not help. If anything, the polemic over a Unitarian versus politically independent order that was manifest in Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi's comments accentuated the salience of regional parties even in a highly centralised regime. A lesson for the BJP.

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STARTUP SPUR NEEDS BUDGETARY PUSH

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Budget 2023 will need to address the needs of the 87,988 recognised startups in India, which constitutes the third largest startup ecosystem in the world. These startups, which are present across multiple sectors—IT services, healthcare, education, professional and commercial services, and agriculture among others—have not just placed India on the global startup map, they have also contributed significantly to the nation's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and employment. In September 2022, there were 107 unicorns in India, with an aggregate valuation of USD 341 billion. Further, according to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), as of November 2022, Indian startups had contributed to more than 8.6 lakh direct jobs.

One of the biggest challenges startups face is access to funding, which has been exacerbated in the last year. Thus, while the Covid-19 pandemic, especially in the initial period, witnessed a growth in venture capital funding, the situation has been grim globally since 2022, leading to the usage of terms such as "funding winter". Indian startups too have witnessed a drop in funding from $37.2 billion in 2021 to $24.7 billion—a massive 35% drop—in 2022. A PwC India report placed the figure for such startup funding in India at $2.7 billion in 2022 Q3, which was the lowest in the last two years.

The government may help startups ease their funding challenges through specific budgetary provisions aimed at startups.

One such budgetary provision relates to easing the requirements for tax exemptions available to startups. Currently, only those entities which meet the definition of startups under the Startup India Action Plan can avail of recognition and tax exemption. Recognition itself is based on the requirement that the entity should have a turnover of less than ₹100 crore in any financial year, should be up to 10 years from the date of incorporation, and further the condition that "the Startup should be working towards innovation/improvement of existing products, services and processes and should have the potential to generate employment/create wealth." Some of these conditions, especially those pertaining to the requirement of working towards "innovation" may involve subjectivity. Startups may find it cumbersome to fulfill such requirements.

Further, entities recognised as startups need to have an Inter-Ministerial Board (IMB) certification to qualify for available tax benefits. This certification is provided by the IMB set up by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) for the purpose. Less than 1% of India's startups have opted for such certification. With the high rate of startup failures, facilitating startups through friendly and easy tax exemption policies may go a long way towards facilitating a robust startup ecosystem.

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Another problem which has prevented Indian startups from truly realising their potential is the Indian business environment. This has led to a phenomenon of "flipping", where many Indian startups prefer to launch their operations abroad and be headquartered outside India. While having headquarters abroad does help, particularly tech companies, with finding markets, and customer-facing expertise, it also allows them access to cheap funding. Such incorporation of startups outside India, especially the valuable unicorns, would have ramifications for India's GDP. Further, there have been calls to allow listing of Indian startups overseas so as to allow such startups to tap foreign capital, allow for raised valuations, greater brand recognition and allow for specialised investors to invest in these companies.

The impact of shifting headquarters or listing overseas would mean a loss of domestic wealth, since Indian intellectual property, labour and customers are responsible for such wealth. While the jury is still out on the "merits" of allowing startups (and indeed Indian companies) direct listing, the government in its Budget 2023, may allow for tax incentives to companies which are headquartered and listed in India. Such tax exemptions may be provided to the VCs and investors in such startups as well.

The government may use creative methods to ensure that the benefits of the startups, which receive such tax exemptions, are large and contribute to equity. For instance, startups may be judged as worthy of tax exemptions based on the extent of employment or foreign exchange generated. Those which can additionally contribute to reduction in social problems (those which have a high social benefit) may be incentivised for longer tax holidays, say 10 years.

A third area which may benefit from government intervention is tax exemption on courses carried out by Higher Education Institutes for promoting entrepreneurship. Currently, only core educational services are GST-exempt. Taxes on courses for MSMEs run by HEIs are also less problematic, since participants can claim the benefit of input tax credit. The same is not true for aspiring entrepreneurs who enrol for entrepreneurship courses. The government may think of allowing a deferred set-off for such fees paid. Finally, the government may also issue specific capital gains bonds to fund early-stage startups. Investors may seek to invest in such bonds to avoid long-term capital gains tax, while at the same time earning interest on such bonds. These bonds may have a lock-in period of five to seven years, and may be used to support and finance the incubators and accelerators in the country.

Startups have traditionally relied on private sources of financing, such as private equity firms, venture capital firms, angel investors and corporate venture capital. A policy push of the sort that Startup India (2016) provided to the startup ecosystem in India would be needed to help startups navigate the turbulent waters of the current business environment, besides the funding winter. There is much hope and expectations from Budget 2023—the last full budget to be presented by the current government—for the Indian startup ecosystem!

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MAILBAG

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Dialogue is the goal

Apropos of *Importance of dialogue in democracy* (Jan 26). It is true that dialogue is the only solution for any difference to be settled. Tolerance is a prerequisite to gracefully listen to the other's views. But where petty politics replaces civilised polity, party interest gets priority over national interest. Nonetheless it is sine qua non for democratic values to be sustained. Shiv Visvanathan's article on the subject is really a worthy one and deserves accolades.
Jitendranath Guru, Padampur

Real meaning of *dharma*

Apropos of *How a butcher schooled the short-tempered scholar* (Jan 23). Renuka Narayanan has made the meaning of *dharma* clear and I have no doubt that many have been turned towards leading a virtuous life. She has shown how contemporary our scriptures are.
Laxmi Subrahmanyam, email

BBC adds fuel to fire

The BBC has attempted to fan the embers of communal discord and discredit Modi, and more importantly, the judiciary, including the Supreme Court of India. Beware of sanctifying this documentary.
G Nair, Thiruvananthapuram

A stand beyond politics

Apropos of *BBC docuseries row snowballs* (Jan 26). The threats and abuses Anil Antony kept getting from some fanatics in the Congress made him relinquish his post. His principled stand of supporting nationalism beyond party politics deserves rich plaudits. When some misguided elements are teetering on the precipice of the pernicious docuseries, Anil Antony has come forward bravely to condemn alien media's mischievous narrative.
Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Kerala's dream Finnish

Apropos of *Min: State will adopt Finnish edu models* (Jan 26). This looks great on paper, but Finland, a mostly homogenous society, has publicly funded education. Every child gets the same education regardless of their family's economic status. In Kerala, parents try to outdo each other, competing for the best and most expensive schools to put their children in. Essentially, the 'Kerala model' is the polar opposite of the 'Finnish model'.
Indira Pillay, Kottayam

Adani must answer questions

Apropos of *Hindenburg report malicious misinformation: Adani Group* (Jan 26). If Adani Group really intends to discredit the report, let them answer 88 vital questions posed at the conclusion of the report. These answers should be available to the general public and investors.
Ramamoorthi Palaniyappan, email

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
While rest of India will celebrate Republic Day as a holiday, Kashmir shopkeepers have allegedly been ordered to keep shops open or face consequences

Manoj Kumar Jha @manojkjhadu
While we celebrate 'Republic Day', let us take out a moment to do fact-check on our journey vis-a-vis Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.....Jai Hind

Supriya Shrinate @SupriyaShrinate
Happy Basant Panchami dedicated to Maa Sharda, the goddess of learning and wisdom. May Mother lead everyone from darkness to light

Bhagwat stresses purity of heart for Shrestha Bharat

Unfurling Tricolour, RSS chief cites Ambedkar to bring social equality

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AN extraordinary sermon interspersed with patriotic zeal and accentuated by rich quotations of B R Ambedkar marked the speech of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat at a tricolor hoisting event in Jaipur on Thursday.

"We have to be filled with inner and outer purity and the one who is pure inside out never wants bad for others, he always wants to do good. There is no alienation in his heart towards others. Those who move ahead with a generous mind, with a pure mind, behave in a pious manner and consider everyone as their own. We have to become pure like this," the RSS chief said.

Speaking at a Republic Day function at Keshav Vidaypeeth in Jamdoli near Rajasthan capital Jaipur, Bhagwat sought to distinguish the national flag colours as the symbols of sovereignty with patriotic enthusiasm, joy and pride. Bhagwat is on a five-day trip to Jaipur.

"We all have to be pure in Shrestha Bharat (great India)". Those filled with inner and outer purity would never want to harm others. Such people carry no feeling of alienation," Bhagwat said on the day.

Prosperity, Bhagwat said, comes by cultivating the qualities of oneness. "With this, there will be no shortage of 'roti' (bread), 'kapda' (clothes) and 'makan' (house), swaasthya (health) and 'shiksha' (education). That purity can help restore the splendour of environment, which is now getting affected," the RSS chief said.

Bhagwat quoted Ambedkar to emphasise that 'purity in action helps improve the cycle of nature'. He urged people to go through Ambedkar's speeches made in Parliament during the drafting of the Constitution.

"BR Ambedkar taught us what our duties and responsibilities are. He had asserted that there was no slavery in the country. The imperial British rulers left, but to eradicate elements slavery caused by social inequality, the provisions of political and economic equality were included in the Constitution, the RSS chief said.

Quoting Ambedakar, he said 'gulami' (slavery) gripped the country not because of some powers of the country's enemy, but because of those who continued to fight with each other for parochial and feudal gains.

"Babasaheb said if freedom and equality are to be brought together, then we should bring brotherhood. That is why 'fraternity' along with 'liberty' and 'equality is enshrined in our Constitution," Bhagwat said.

'Read Ambedkar's Parliament speeches'

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AUSTRALIA

India protests in Canberra on vandalism of temples

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

THE Indian High Commission in Canberra, the capital city of Australia, has strongly condemned the incidents of vandalism, of three Hindu temples in Melbourne in recent weeks.

"Signals that pro-Khalistan elements are stepping up their activities in Australia, actively aided and abetted by members of proscribed terrorist organisations, such as Sikhs for Justice (SFJ) and other inimical agencies from outside Australia, have been evident from some time," according to a statement made by the Indian High Commission (IHC) in Canberra.

Instances of vandalism were reported in the Swaminarayan temple in Melbourne, Shiva Vishnu Temple in Carrum, Victoria, and the ISKCON temple in Melbourne which were defaced by anti social elements with anti-India graffiti.

India has also expressed concern about the so-called referendum in Melbourne and Sydney announced by the proscribed outfits (SFJ).

The Australian government too has been appraised about this and have been asked to ensure the safety and security of the members of the Indian community and their properties in Australia, the IHC statement said.

Global leaders greet India, call for strengthening ties

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

AS India celebrated its 74th Republic Day on Thursday, political leaders from across the global sent their congratulatory messages upholding international stability and security, and their lasting friendship with the nation.

French President Emmanuel Macron, in his message in Hindi, extended his warm wishes to 'dear friend Narendra Modi' and the Indian people. "I look forward to setting new ambitions together for the G20 and for our Indo-French strategic partnership as it turns 25 this year," he said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin touched upon India's role in keeping stability and security in his R-Day greetings. "Please accept sincere congratulations on the occasion of the Republic Day. India's achievements in the economic, social, scientific, technological and other spheres are widely known. Your country is making a substantial contribution to ensure international stability and security and to address vital issues on the regional and global agenda," Putin said.

Israel's PM, Benjamin Netanyahu said that the close bond between India and Israel will continue to grow stronger with each passing year.

President of the UAE Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan also extended his greetings to Indian President Draupadi Murmu and PM Narendra Modi. In his respects to the nation on the R-Day, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said, "Best wishes to Narendra Modi and the people of India. As we share national days we celebrate the warm spirit of affection our people have long held for each other and the depth of our friendship. Australia and India have never been closer."

The leadership of Saudi Arabia also sent a message to President Murmu. "The custodian of the two holy mosques expressed his best felicitations and wished the President constant good health and happiness and the government and people of India steady progress and prosperity," the message from the Saudi Arabia leadership said.

Meanwhile, closer to home, Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih extended his warm greetings to PM Modi. "May the spirit of democracy, justice and peace long prevail in India," Solih said.

A tableau of the Indian Navy during the Republic Day parade at Kartavya Path in New Delhi on Thursday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Mohamed Solih

Emmanuel Macron

Benjamin Netanyahu

Vladimir Putin

6 years on, SC asks CBI to probe death of MBBS student

SHRUTI KAKKAR @ New Delhi

TAKING into consideration contradictory reports by two investigation agencies in UP about unnatural death of an MBBS student in 2017, SC has directed CBI to conduct further investigation.

A bench of Justices Aniruddha Bose and Sudhanshu Dhulia in their order said, "A young girl child has died an unnatural death while pursuing medical studies and two investigating agencies have given reports, one in the form of charge-sheet arraigning two individuals as accused and the other filing closure report. As there appears to be contradiction in the two reports filed by the two investigating agencies and also considering the nature of these cases, we are of the opinion that further investigation ought to be undertaken by CBI and the two investigating agencies shall assist the CBI in this regard." The bench also directed the probe agency to file a report in court pursuant to conclusion of investigation.

Court's order came in a plea which was filed by a father of the girl student. He had lodged FIR and consequently two persons were also arraigned as accused for committing offences u/s 306 (abetment to suicide) & 201 of IPC. The investigation was handed over to crime investigation division CBCID – another investigating wing of the State police.

Backchannel talks with India not on the table, says Hina Khar

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

A day after Indian media reported that New Delhi invited Pakistani Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari to attend the SCO foreign ministers' meet, Pakistan's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Hina Rabbani Khar, on Thursday said that there were no backchannel talks held between Islamabad and New Delhi.

"At this moment there is no such thing under way," Khar said, in the upper house of their Parliament. Backchannel diplomacy was desirable when it was result-oriented, Khar pointed out.

The foreign ministers' and chief justices' meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, is scheduled to take place in Goa in May.

Meanwhile, Pakistan's Foreign Minister Spokesperson, Mumtaz Zahra Baloch, reiterated that there were no secret diplomatic engagements.

Pakistan has also acknowledged that it has received an invite from India to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organsiation (SCO) foreign ministers meet that is slated to be held in Goa from May 4th to 5th this year. However, they are yet to confirm on whether they would attend the meeting. "The chairs sends invitations to all member states, decision will be taken in due course," Baloch said.

It is yet to be confirmed whether Pakistan's foreign minister, Bilawal Bhutto will attend this event.

India took over chairmanship of the nine-member SCO in September 2022 and will hold key ministerial meetings and the Summit this year. Besides the foreign ministers' meet, India will host SCO Defence, NSA and Interior and environment ministers meet prior to the summit, in September.

The member countries include India, Russia, China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgzstan, Tajikstan, Uzbekistan and Pakistan.

Meanwhile, in the SCO film festival that will take place in Mumbai later this month, Pakistan was the only country amongst all member states that didn't send their entry – though they were sent an invite.

No word on Bilawal's visit

A day ago Indian media had reported that Pakistani Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari has been invited to attend the SCO foreign ministers' meet. It is yet to be confirmed whether the foreign minister will attend the event to take place in Goa in May

REPUBLIC OF THE CONSTITUTION AND NARENDRA MODI'S INDIA

D RAJA
General Secretary, *CPI*

WHEN the Indian republic inaugurated itself on January 26, 1950, it was a major historic transformation in our nation's journey towards the emancipation of its masses. The enactment of the Constitution of India was a great achievement as it established political equality among the differently situated citizens of our vast country and placed safeguards for the vulnerable sections of the society. The Constitution also placed a great task before the nation: to graduate to social and economic equality on the foundations of political equality. Unfortunately, our country is witnessing a retreat from the promises of the Constitution under the rule of an ideology which always held contempt for our Constitution and despised equality.

Article 14 of the Constitution made equality the cornerstone of our life as a nation. The Modi regime has been systematically denying equality before the law or equal protection of the law to certain sections of society in the most illegal fashion. The Citizenship (Amendment) Act is one big example of this which introduced religion as a criterion for granting citizenship while openly discriminating against one religion. The RSS-BJP regime is trying to establish a "single homogenous nationhood", another name for a Hindu Rashtra.

The crimes and hate being incentivised against minority communities in this process are cutting through the ideal of political equality defeating the labours and dreams of freedom fighters.

While putting the draft constitution to vote, Dr Ambedkar pointed out a significant contradiction for the future republic. That contradiction was that after January 26, 1950, "in politics we will have equality and in social and economic life we will have inequality." The gap between political democracy, where one person meant one vote, and social and economic democracy troubled Dr Ambedkar. He asked the assembly how long we will continue with this contradiction in the life of our nation before we realise the goal of one person, one vote, one value. Social discrimination based on caste and gender clouded this cherished vision of Dr. Ambedkar as much as economic inequality. On the other hand, the RSS upholds the Chaturvarna system of social division, which subjugates workers to slavery and wants to confine women to the household.

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Economic inequality and concentration of wealth have grown exponentially under the RSS-BJP regime. The idea of social and economic equality, which was a guide to our freedom fighters, has developed cracks under Hindutva Capitalism.

Our Constitution also provided an administrative roadmap for a country of India's magnitude. Constituent Assembly debated such provisions and envisaged a federal polity for the country sensitive to our rich linguistic and regional diversity. However, the RSS has always been obsessed with homogeneity instead of unity. Unity in diversity is unacceptable to the RSS as it seeks to flatten out varieties of language, faith, dress, food habits and so on. This makes the federal system indigestible to the RSS-BJP regime resulting in ruthless encroachments on the powers of the state. Similarly, being a totalitarian organisation, the separation of powers between different organs of state - the legislature, the executive and the judiciary – is contrary to RSS ideology.

At the end, the Preamble to the Constitution declares India to be a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic. India under Modi has not performed on any of these characteristics from the Preamble. Our sovereignty is being compromised by increasing dependency on the US-led global order. The socialist traits of our system, like representation, social justice and a strong public sector, are being erased. The de-facto official status of a particular religion is replacing secularism. As for democracy, its vitals like free and fair elections, freedom of speech and expression, and right to dissent are being done away with. Under Modi, attempts are on to displace respect and reverence with hate and contempt. Saving our republic needs solidarities. We must build them to confront the idea of a unitary, authoritarian, illiberal India. If we are to protect the solemn promise we made on January 26, 1950, when we declared ourselves a Republic, we must defeat Hindutva Capitalism. Hindutva Capitalism must go if liberty, fraternity, equality and justice are to survive.

SNOOPING FOR SAFER PIPELINES

An ongoing research at the University of British Columbia is aiming at making residential gas pipelines safe by using ultrasonic sensors to detect leaks, weaknesses and siphoning off. As considerable research has gone into diagnosing methods for such defects in steel gas pipes using radiography, ultrasonic testing, visual inspection and ground penetrating radar, none of that has been tried out on the commonly used high-density polyethylene pipe, which carries natural gas to homes. The new monitoring method limits gas diversions, which allows siphoning off gas without being metered, an act that can affect the pipelines and cause leaks posing a warning.

SMALLER, POWERFUL THRUSTERS FOR CREWED INTERPLANETARY MISSIONS

As interplanetary space missions are evolving, the prevailing belief that Hall thrusters — an efficient kind of electric propulsion using ions widely used in orbit — need to be large to produce a lot of thrust is being rewritten. A new University of Michigan study points to smaller Hall thrusters generating much more thrust. In a Hall (named after Edwin Hall) thruster electrons accelerated by a magnetic field have to run in a ring around a channel. But research revealed that if more thrust was attempted by driving more propellant through the engine, the electrons whizzing in a ring would get knocked out of the formation, breaking down that effect. The researchers tried an alternative with a lighter gas Krypton than the one used — Xenon — and were able to achieve 1.8 Newtons thrust, at par with the much larger 100-kilowatt-class X3 Hall thruster. This breakthrough has opened up possibilities for using smaller thrusters for interplanetary missions.

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Science is a world in itself. Here are some interesting science that connects with you

Nirad Mudur

FISH INSPIRE UNDERWATER SWARM ROBOTICS FOR SURVEILLANCE

Research is on to replicate mechanoreceptor sensors found under and on the surface of fish's skin to develop underwater swarm robotics for surveillance. Mechanoreceptors detect stimuli like touch, pressure, vibration, and sound from the external and internal environments. They contain primary sensory neurons that respond to changes in mechanical displacement, usually in a localised region at the tip of a sensory dendrite — appendages designed to receive communications from other cells or from external disturbances. University of Bristol scientists are particularly studying the sensors situated on the lateral line system distributed over the head, trunk and tail of a fish. The scientists found that the mechanism can inspire a novel type of easily-manufactured pressure sensor for underwater robotics, particularly swarm robotics, where cost is a large factor. The research team plans to integrate the sensor with robotic platforms to help a robot navigate underwater and demonstrate its effectiveness.

SHOPS ON FIRE

A fire broke out at a compound in Andheri suburb of Mumbai on Thursday and spread to six shops, officials said. There was no report of any casualty so far, they said. The blaze erupted around 1.30 pm.

03 FISHERMEN RESCUED OFF THE GOA COAST

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	28	18	Mumbai	31	21
Bhopal	24	12	Panaji	29	20
Jaipur	23	8	Patna	27	13
Amritsar	21	6	Lucknow	24	10
Chennai	30	23	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	31	19	Imphal	28	8
Srinagar	8	-2	Chandigarh	21	7

Rift in Oppn? JDU won't take part in Rahul's yatra

JD-U chief writes to Cong chief, says he will be busy in Nagaland polls

RAMASHANKAR& RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna/New Delhi

BIHAR's ruling grand alliance's key component JD-U will not take part in Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra in Srinagar on January 30, in emerging signs of disunity among opposition parties wanting to put up a joint fight against the BJP in 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

The main allies in the 'mahagathbandhan' in Bihar include Congress, RJD and the JD-U. Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, national president of the JD-U, said he has written to Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge explaining his busy election campaign in Nagaland on the day the Congress leader leads the yatra in Srinagar.

The JD-U chief excused himself by saying that he had to kickstart the poll campaign for the northeastern state on the same date (January 30). However, he said the Srinagar event would be "historic."

Singh's letter said: "It would have been a great moment to be present at the event. But I express my regret for not being able to attend the programme," said the letter addressed to Kharge. No other senior leader of JD (U) has been asked to attend the programme. The JD-U's distancing from the yatra is being seen as a jolt to Opposition unity for Lok Sabha polls.

"If Lalan Singh was not free, he would have assigned another leader to attend the event," said a JD-U leader. On the other hand, the stance of other constituent of the grand alliance, the RJD, is not clear. "Top leaders of the party will take a final call," said RJD spokesperson Mritunjay Tiwari.

BJP took a dig at the JD-U chief's letter saying the all talks on Opposition unity at the Centre were nothing but eyewash. "No alliance will stand against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2024 Lok Sabha election," said BJP Rajya Sabha MP Sushil Kumar Modi.

"There are no two opinions about the decline in democratic values of the country. Various government institutions that are supposed to ensure checks and balances on unrestrained executive powers are being systematically destroyed", Singh stated in his letter to the Congress chief.

"My party sincerely feels that the need of the hour is a unified opposition and expects that the Indian National Congress takes appropriate steps in this direction," said the letter. Political analysts pointed out that the JD-U nurtures the ambition to project Nitish Kumar as the PM candidate.

CHAR DHAM

Badrinath portals to open from April 27

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE portals of the Badrinath Dham will open at 7.10am on April 27. On the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami, the date of opening the portals of the dham was fixed at Rajmahal in Narendranagar, Tehri, on Thursday.

Keeping in mind the current scenario of disaster-affected Joshimath, organizing safe travel this time is going to be a big challenge for the Pushkar Singh Dhami-led government.

At the same time, the 'Oil Kalash Yatra' of "Gadu Ghada" will be taken out on April 12. Officials of Badri-Kedar Temple Committee, Dimri Religious Central Panchayat along with Tehri Royal Family and a large number of devotees were present.

Ajayendra Ajay, chairman of Badri Kedar Temple Committee and special representative to the chief minister, told this daily, "Two years after the Corona pandemic period in 2022, the Chardham Yatra set a new record last year. For the first time, over 46 lakh pilgrims visited the four shrines."

ED to grill TMC's Gokhale for 7 days on his fund claims

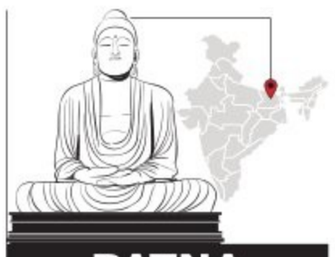
EXPRESSNEWSERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Directorate of Enforcement arrested Trinamool Congress leader Saket Gokhale in connection with a money laundering case on Wednesday, alleging that he had diverted and used part of the money he had raised for public activities through crowdfunding for personal use. He had raised approximately ₹1.07 crore between 2019 and 2021, the ED said. A special court in Ahmedabad on Wednesday remanded him to 7-day ED custody till January 31 to facilitate a probe into the matter.

The ED's case stems from an FIR registered in December 2022 by the Gujarat Police, in which it was alleged that Saket Suhas Gokhale, an RTI activist and social worker, was in need of financial aid for carrying out his activities. For this, he asked the public to assist him financially through crowdfunding.

"He allegedly prepared a bogus electronic document, OurDemocracy.in, through which he collected funding through a private company named GiantTreeTech Private Limited. He later diverted the funds and utilised the said amount for his personal use," said the ED, seeking his remand. The remand application alleged that Gokhale had raised over ₹80 lakh. "He ran three campaigns with the campaign titles 'FightWithRTI', 'SaketversusModi' and 'JusticeforSuhasGokhale'," it said.

The ED submitted that Gokhale received ₹51.73 lakh and ₹2.19 lakh through cashfree gateway and ₹29.82 lakh through Razorpay. Of the total amount of ₹1.07 crore, there were also cash deposits amounting to ₹23.54 lakh between October 2021 and October 2022.



PATNA DIARY

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Kushwaha questions Nitish, unlikely to leave

The ongoing tussle is between chief minister Nitish Kumar and JD (U) parliamentary board chairman Upendra Kushwaha. Kushwaha's reply to Nitish's advice to join BJP has further heated up the politics of Bihar. Responding to Nitish, Kushwaha questioned how he could quit the party by leaving his share. From this statement of Kushwaha, it seems that he is not going to leave JD (U). Whatever may be the result in the end, the current tussle indicates that something big is going to happen in the politics of Bihar. Therefore, there seems no end to the making and breaking of relationships in in the state.

Bihar ministers clash over chair at local event

An unseemly situation unfolded at Naugachia police line when JD (U) MLA Gopal Mandal and former MP Anil Kumar Yadav clashed over sitting on a chair at the tricolour unfurling ceremony organised on Republic Day. The situation became so serious that Yadav even lodged a complaint. He alleged that Mandal used abusive language against PM Narendra Modi and when he opposed it, the JD (U) leader threatened him. On the other hand, Mandal claimed he did not speak anything against the PM. He said Yadav came late to attend the R-Day function and asked district JD (U) president to vacate the chair.

HC orders probe into madrasa fund

The Patna High Court's recent order to probe into release of funds to 609 madrasa has triggered political uproar in Bihar. The HC in its order asked the state government a complete inquiry into release of grant-in-aid to 609 madrasa within four weeks. These madrasa have been provided funds on the basis of forged documents. Two allies of grand-alliance — Congress and RJD — reacted sharply on the HC directive. Bihar Cong chief Akhilesh Prasad Singh said the government should also conduct inquiry into affairs of Saraswati Sishu Mandir being run by RSS.

At Kuno, liver & kidney infections hit a cheetah flown from Namibia

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

WHILE the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Sheopur district of Madhya Pradesh prepares to welcome 12 Cheetahs from South Africa, a 5-year-old female Cheetah, which was among the eight Cheetahs flown from Namibia on PM Narendra Modi's birthday last year, is battling liver and kidney infection.

The female Cheetah named Sasha has been quarantined in one of the smaller Bomas since January 23 for focussed treatment by a team of veterinary doctors. The doctors are coordinating with their counterparts in Namibia to ensure the proper recuperation of the big cat, a senior forest department official said on Thursday.

As per sources at KNP, the mobile teams of the Park, which continuously monitor the 8 Namibian Cheetahs recently found that Sasha was losing appetite and showing symptoms of health problems. Team of top vets from Bhopal was rushed to the KNP to take care of Sasha.

"Since the last couple of days, Sasha's condition has started improving," said a senior forest department official.

The release of the 8 Namibian Cheetahs into KNP marked the successful completion of the world's first intercontinental project of translocating Cheetahs, which went extinct, owing to rampant hunting in the wilds of India way back in 1952.

As per official sources privy to the recent pact between India and South Africa, the second batch of 12 Cheetahs could be flown to KNP by February end or by March beginning. "We've already readied 10 Bomas for initial quarantining of the Cheetahs and preparations are in full swing to complete measures soon," MP forest department sources said.

No pucca house for this Padma Shri winner

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

TRIBAL labourer-turned-painter Jodhaiya Bai Baiga, 84, one of the 91 Padma Shri awardees this year, is still awaiting a *pucca* house that was promised to her when she was honoured with the Nari Shakti Puraskar in Delhi last year.

The octogenarian, a widow, lives with her teenage granddaughter Rupa in the clay plaster- and asbestos-thatched hut at Lorha village, Umaria district, Madhya Pradesh. She is elated at being selected for the coveted award but is equally sad for not having a proper house. Recounting her meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the eve of Nari Shakti Puraskar in March 2022, she said: "I hugged Modiji and shared my pain about not having a *pucca* house, after which he promised that I will get a house. But I still live in a *kutcha* house." However, Umaria district collector K D Tripathi told this newspaper that her name doesn't figure on the list of those selected for PM Awas scheme. "Being awarded Padma Shri and getting a PM Awas are two separate issues. Linking them would be inappropriate," he added.

'Air strike called Pakistan's bluff'

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"THE next day, on February 27, they came up to the Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) and returned without hitting any target in India," said sources. Pakistan had denied Balakot strike and took defence attaches to what they identified as Balakot aerial strike location 48 days after the IAF ops.

Balakot strike was not a military operation against the Pakistan army or state, said sources. "It was a precise air strike to destroy the JeM training camp and seminary on Jabba Top - a hill top - in Balakot in Khyber-Pakhtunkwa (KP) after the terrorists claimed responsibility for the Pulwama attack in which 40 CRPF personnel were martyred on February 14, 2019. The air strike called Pakistan's bluff on the nuclear threshold threat," they added.

While India follows the doctrine of No First Use (NFU) of its nuclear weapons, Pakistan claims to have a low threshold of nuclear deterrence. "They use it more as a threat. The underlying code behind nuclear deterrence is to avoid what military strategists call, mutually agreed destruction (MAD). In a nuclear war there are no winners," said a strategic expert.

The IAF could not carry the initial bomb damage assessment of the air strike because of inclement weather on February 26 and the following days, they did an evaluation of the air strike and found that the Spice 2000 penetration bombs that were released by the Mirage 2000s to hit the targets at Balakot had "worked exactly as advertised. The IAF was very clear where the weapons went," said sources.

Spice 2000, manufactured by Israel, belongs to the family of precision guided munition with an advanced data link and DSMAC (digital scene matching area correlator) - an autonomous missile guidance concept based on area correlation of sensed ground scenes. "Spice 2000 was imported from Israel in 2013 and first used in the Balakot air strike codenamed Operation Bandar," added sources.

"Balakot was an operation to send a strong message to Pakistan that India will retaliate massively if they mess around with us. It was one of the main reasons why we didn't have major trouble from across the border after the Articles 370 and 35(A) were abrogated in August 2019," said sources.

Property tax on commercial buildings in J&K from Apr likely

Lt-Governor Manoj Sinha at the Republic Day function in Jammu on Thursday | PTI

Srinagar: After a failed attempt in 2020, Lt Governor administration in Jammu and Kashmir is again mulling to impose the property tax in Union Territory from April 1 this year. Initially, the authorities may impose property tax on commercial buildings and exempt residential structures. The government decision has been communicated to Principal Secretary, Housing and Urban Development Department, Dheeraj Gupta by J&K Chief Secretary Dr Arun Kumar Mehta. An official memo quoting Administrative Council decision No. 13/1/2023 dated 22-02-2023, reads, "The Administrative Council approved the proposal (for levy of property tax in the Urban Local Bodies of J&K) with the direction that the proposed Property Tax, which will take effect on April 1 2023, shall be levied at half of the proposed formula."

Soren to be first J'khand CM to visit Maoist hotbed Budha Pahad

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

HEMANT Soren on Friday will become the first Chief Minister to visit the Maoist hotbed Budha Pahad, located along Latehar and Garhwa districts in Jharkhand, and adjacent to Balrampur district of Chhattisgarh. Notably, Budha Pahad, the last bastion of Maoists in Jharkhand, had been a safe haven for Maoists for over three decades due to its difficult topography and inaccessible terrains.

The security forces were not able to reach the core area – spread across about 10 sq km-- for the last three decades.

Budha Pahad, spread over a 55 sq km area was freed from Maoists' control after 32 years following three coordinated operations carried out by the security forces since April last year. After freeing the area from rebels, for the first time, CRPF and Jharkhand police jointly hoisted the Tricolour on October 23 last year.

Now, a permanent camp has been set up at the top of the hill and development work has begun. Soren, during his visit on Friday, will inaugurate several rural development schemes besides interacting with villagers.

"CM, who will be the first chief minister to visit Budha Pahar, will launch the Budha Pahar Development Plan. He will distribute acceptance letters of different welfare schemes to the people of Tehri Panchayat in Budha Pahad," said Garhwa Deputy Commissioner Ramesh Gholap.

He will also inaugurate some of the welfare schemes for the anchayat, he added.

"Lastly, the Chief Minister will also have lunch with the CRPF personnel and the locals," the DC said.

In bid to stop Maoists from re-establishing their base at Budha Pahad, the district administration will set up police camps, hospitals, schools and provide other basic facilities to the villagers, besides constructing roads.

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Guv event: Didi in attendance, BJP absent

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee with Governor CV Ananda Bose at the 74th Republic Day parade in Kolkata.

INSPIRED by the sacrifice by freedom fighter Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, West Bengal governor CV Ananda Bose on Republic Day initiated the world of Bengali alphabet at Raj Bhavan during 'Hatey Khori', the ceremonial beginning of the process of learning as per Bengali's ritual. Presence of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee at the event triggered an unexpected face-off between the ruling TMC and the BJP.

Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari and other BJP leaders decided to skip the event. Explaining his absence, Adhikari alleged the state government has "cunningly orchestrated" this event to wash off stain of scam on the education department.

On Thursday, which also happened to be the occasion of Saraswati Puja, eight-year-old Debanjali Roy initiated Bose to the learning of Bengali language and in return as Gurudakshina, the constitutional head of the state gave her a gift. The Bengal CM presented Bose Barnaporichoy (learning alphabet), written by Pandit Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar.

Bose's Bengali learning session began with Debanjali holding his hand with a chalk and guiding him to write the first two alphabets of Bengali language on a slate. The girl also taught him how to pronounce the alphabets. "Ami Bangla sikhbo. Ami Bangla Bhalobashi. Banglar manushke bhalobashi. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose mahanayak. Jay Bangla Jay Hind (I will learn Bengali. I love Bengali language. I love the people of Bengal. Long live Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose)," Bose said in Bengali in his brief address.

Congratulating the governor, Mamata said, "Wherever we work, we must learn the local language. I congratulate you for your initiative."

Wherever we work, we must learn the local language. I congratulate you (CV Ananda Bose) for your initiative

Mamata Banerjee, Bengal CM

Interestingly, 'Bose' in the governor's name was given by his father, a freedom fighter, as a tribute to his hero Netaji. Bose began his career as a probationary officer with the SBI in 70s in Kolkata.

Hitting at the TMC-led state government, Adhikari tweeted, "At a time when the image of the Education Department of West Bengal has been tarnished too due to the gigantic "cash for job'' Teacher Recruitment Scam and the former Education Minister along with most of the important office bearers are languishing in prison; the State Government has cunningly orchestrated this event to wash off the stain."

After a prolonged face off with the erstwhile governor Jagdeep Dhankhar, the present Vice President, the state government shares a good relation with Bose so far. As per sources at Raj Bhavan, Bose, as his contribution to Bengal, has constituted an award from his salary to be given to the students of the state who excel in various fields. The first prize is ₹1 lakh, followed by ₹75,000, ₹50,000 and ₹25,000. An expert committee will select the winners

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • SW: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	-3	-8	TDS	Los Angeles	22	7	LC
Colombo	30	23	LC	Melbourne	27	14	HR
Dhaka	29	18	TDS	Moscow	-1	-7	HR
Dubai	20	17	SNY	New York	6	1	LC
Houston	16	12	SNY	Singapore	30	24	TDS
Istanbul	12	8	LC	Toronto	0	-1	LC
London	7	-1	LC	Washington	7	0	LC

11 DIE AS RUSSIA FIRES SELF-EXPLODING DRONES

Energy facilities in Ukraine targeted resulting in outages; repair work started to restore power

KYIV

RUSSIAN forces fired another rash of missiles and self-exploding drones in nearly a dozen provinces of Ukraine early on Thursday, causing the first attack-related death of the year in Kyiv and killing at least 11 people in all.

The spokesperson for Ukraine's State Emergency Service, Oleksandr Khorunzhyi, announced the casualty toll in comments to Ukrainian television. He said attacks also wounded 11 people.

The latest onslaught came a day after Germany and the US upped the ante in Russia's 11-month war by promising to send high-tech battle tanks to Ukraine and green-lighting other allies to do the same.

Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said one person was killed during the attacks, the capital's first such death since New Year's Eve. Two others were injured, he said. The head of the Kyiv city administration, Serhii Popko, said Ukrainian air defences shot down 15 cruise missiles heading to the area.

People gather in a subway station being used as a bomb shelter during a rocket attack in Kyiv, Ukraine on Thursday | AP

The regional prosecutor's office in Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia province said three people were killed and seven injured in a strike on an energy facility. Valerii Zaluzhnyi, the commander of Ukraine's armed forces, said Thursday's volley involved a total of 55 missiles, of which 47 were intercepted.

Self-exploding drones swept in overnight before the missile strikes, in what a spokesperson for Ukraine's Southern Defense Forces said appeared to be a Russian attempt to distract Ukraine's air defences. As air raid sirens echoed across the country, civilians, some tugging pet dogs on leashes, poured into subway stations, underground parking lots and basements to seek shelter.

Ukrainian Energy Minister Herman Halushchenko said energy facilities were again targeted on Thursday by Russian forces who were "trying to cause a systemic failure in the energy system of Ukraine." He acknowledged that some energy facilities had been hit, resulting in emergency outages, and repair teams were working to restore power supply.

Maksym Marchenko, the governor of Odessa, said energy infrastructure facilities were damaged in several regions causing "significant problems with electricity supply." *AP*

Kremlin declares critical news outlet undesirable

Moscow: Russian authorities declared the independent Russian news website *Meduza* as an undesirable organisation on Thursday. The decision by the prosecutor-general's office came on the same day that the publisher of the *Mediazona* website said he was charged in absentia with spreading false information about Russian army. The order said *Meduza's* "activities present a threat to the foundations of the Russian Federation's constitutional order and national security."

IAEA WARNING

Enriched uranium with Iran enough for many nukes: UN

DUBAI

IRAN has enough highly enriched uranium to build "several" nuclear weapons if it chooses, a top nuclear official of UN is now warning.

The warning from Rafael Mariano Grossi of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in response to questions from European lawmakers shows just how high the stakes have become over Iran's nuclear programme. Even at the height of previous tensions between West and Iran before the 2015 nuclear deal, Iran never enriched uranium as high as it does now. Experts have suggested Iran had enough uranium enriched up to 60% to build at least one nuclear weapon—though Tehran long has insisted its programme is for peaceful purposes. While offering a caveat "we need to be extremely careful," Grossi acknowledged just how large Tehran's high-enriched uranium stockpile had grown. "One thing is true: They have amassed enough nuclear material for several nuclear weapons, not one at this point."

Global economic growth to drop to 2% in '23

UNITED NATIONS

THE United Nations forecast on Wednesday that global economic growth will fall significantly to 1.9% this year as a result of the food and energy crisis sparked by the war in Ukraine, the impact of the pandemic and climate emergency.

Painting a gloomy and uncertain economic outlook, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs said the current global economic slowdown "cuts across both developed and developing countries, with many facing risks of recession in 2023."

The report said this year's 1.9% economic growth forecast—down from an estimated 3% in 2022—is one of the lowest growth rates in recent decades. But it projects a moderate pick-up to 2.7% in 2024 if inflation gradually abates and economic headwinds start to subside.

Shantanu Mukherjee, director of the economic analysis and policy division of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, highlighted the growing income inequality in the world while launching the report. Between 2019 and 2021, he said, average incomes for the top 10% rose by 1.2% while the incomes of the lowest 40% fell by 0.5%.

In the US, GDP is projected to expand by only 0.4% in 2023 after estimated growth of 1.8% in 2022, the UN said. And many European countries are projected to experience "a mild recession" with the war in Ukraine by Russia and the high energy costs.

With China's government abandoning its zero-Covid policy late last year and easing monetary and fiscal policies, the UN forecast that its economy, which expanded by only 3% in 2022, will accelerate to 4.8% this year. *AP*

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This is to inform to the public that my client **M/s. Royal Township** registered partnership firm represented by its Partner Sri.P.Vishwas S/o.Prasad Reddy, residing at No.14, 1st Floor, Krishna Complex, SBI Road, Off St. Marks Road, Bangalore -560 001, had lost its original sale deed Doc.Nos.4966/1995, 5584/2006, 550/2007, 2257/2007, 5002/2007, 6728/2008 and 18015/2014, related to properties bearing sy. No's.21/1 and 21/2 of Muthali village of Hosur Taluk and he lost the same at HSR Layout, Sector-4 on 21.01.2023 within judiciation of HSR Police Station Limits, Bengaluru. Therefore, my client requests the public if anybody finds the above said document please hand over the same in the above said address of my client or concerned police station and he will be rewarded suitably.

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Place: Hosur Date: 26.01.2023

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This is to inform the general public that my client **NARAYANA** S/o Late Narasimhaiah, Major, R/o No. 58, Narayanappa layout, Naganathapura, Electronics City Post, Bangalore-560100, that he had purchased the Residential Property bearing Site No.58, Old Khatha No.33, Present BBMP Khatha No.58/33 the description of the property is more fully described in the schedule hereunder from one C.H.Sudheer S/o Y.K.Chandrashekar under a registered sale deed dated.04.08.2011 vide Document No.BGR-1-03600/2011-12 of Book-1, Stored in C.D. No.BGRD99 which was registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Begur, Bangalore Urban District and in the said Registered sale deed he signed in English and thereafter after perfecting his right and title over the same he had sold the said property in favour of SOHAN LAL S/o Sri. Premaramji under a registered sale deed dated.04.07.2022 vide Document No.BGR-1-012679/2022-23 of Book-1, Stored in C.D. No.BGRD99 which was registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Begur, Bangalore Urban District in the said registered sale deed he had signed in Kannada hence he is herewith attesting and admitting in the affidavit duly sworn before the notary public dt.**20.01.2023** that both the signatures which are mentioned in the above registered sale deeds are belongs to him only hence this public notice if any individual, financial institutions, private banks or any body else have got any objections, rights in respect of the schedule property may lodge their claims with supporting documents to me with in **(7) SEVEN days** from today.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our client proposes to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **SRI. MAHENDRA G.P.**

Any person (s), having any manner of right, title, interest, ownership, claim etc., over the Schedule Property may lodge his /her /their / its objections or claims in writing with all supporting documentary evidence with regard to such claims with the undersigned within 07 days hereof, failing which, our client will proceed to complete the purchase transaction. Any objections/ claims received thereafter will not be entertained /binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing residential Site No.3555, in "KUMARASWAMY SLUM LAYOUT", 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Layout formed by the BDA, Bangalore, BBMP Katha No.120/3555, measuring East to West : 20 Feet, and North to South : 38 Feet, totally measuring 70.60 Square Meters (or 760 Square Feet), together with residential building thereon having ground and three upper floors, in all measuring 2200 Square Feet (having vitrified tiles & jungle wood windows and doors) and is bounded as follows,

East by : Property bearing No. 3554;
West by : Property bearing No.3556;
North by : Property bearing No.3477;
South by : Road;

H.K.GIRISH, ADVOCATE
M & G Associates
82, 1st Floor, 41st Cross,
03rd Main, 8th Block, Jayanagara,
Bangalore – 560 070.
Ph - 080-26632343 / 88670-44666

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the below mentioned property from its present owners in possession **Smt.Rudramma, Mr. B.M. Janardhan.**

The general public, banks, lenders, relatives, heirs etc., are hereby called upon to lodge their objections if any with me with regard to 2062.125 Square feet of built up area equivalent to approximately 29'3" X 70'6" equivalent to 1925.79 square feets of carpet area in the Ground Floor (in occupation of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.,) of the commercial building known as "FORTUNA SQUARE" constructed in Schedule 'C' Property bearing Site Nos. 41 & 42, having been assigned Amalgamated Khata No.230/225/41-42, situated in the layout formed and developed by THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY LIMITED., Sahakamagar 'G' Block, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk Now, Bengaluru together with 350 square feets of car parking spaces in the basement floor alongside 11.25% of undivided share (UDS) over land morefully described as Schedule C Property equivalent to 1000 square feets and bounded as follows:

East By : Property bearing No.40
West By : Property bearing No.43
North By : Private Property
South By : 60 feet Road.

In case if anyone have any claim or rights over the said property, you can lodge your objections with cogent documents/records so as to reach me **within 15 days** from today, failing which, my clients may proceed to purchase the said property and any objections/claims raised later on will not be conceded.

Sd/-
Eashwar Prasad B., Advocate,
No.415, 4th Floor, Grand Majestic Mall,
Bengaluru-560 009.
9448690314 / 8310039482.
Bengaluru Date: 26.01.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **MOHAMED ATEEQ AHMED** intend to purchase the below mentioned property from its present owner Smt. SHARMILA w/o. Thirumurugan D/o. Rajendran. Anyone having on sort of claims or objection relating to the Schedule Property or proposed sale may lodge the same with the under signed within 7 days from this public notice with supporting document failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any return to such right title, interest and claim.

PURCHASE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site No. 73 and 74, Katha No.124, assessment No.94, (Sy.No.94) measuring East 40 ft. West 40 Feet, North 60 feet, South 60 feet, (60x40) totally measuring 2400 sq. ft. situated at Honnur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk. **East By:** Private Property **West by:** Road, **North by** : Private Property **South by** : Private Property

ANJINEYA G. Advocate M.A B.Ed. LLB.
Kaveripura, 1st Main Road, Kempapura,
Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru-560079
Mobil No. 9900779681

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public that the property situated at new Sy. No. 208/6 (old Sy.No. 208/3) T. Begur village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural Dist. measuring 2 Acres 34 Guntas is under litigation and there is a status-quo order in SCA/10/2022 before DC Court, Bengaluru Rural, Devanahalli. Therefore, the public is cautioned not to deal with this property in any manner. If any one deals with this property despite this notice, they will be doing so in their own risk and they will be liable for the consequences.

This notice is issued in the public interest by,

SATEESH S. KUDTARKAR
B.Sc, PGDHR, M.A.(Eng.), LL.M.
Advocate - High Court of Karnataka
#39/2, 2nd Floor, A.S.V.N.V. Bhavan,
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Bengaluru - 560009. Mob ;- 9448379499
E-mail : sateeshkudtarkar1@gmail.com

FORM NO.URC-2

Advertisement giving notice about registration under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Act [Pursuant to Section 374(b) of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 4 (1) of the Companies (Authorized to Register) Rules, 2014]

1. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 366 of the Companies Act, 2013, an application is proposed to be made after fifteen days hereof but before the expiry of thirty days hereinafter to the Registrar at Bangalore that "SRI VENKATESHWARA EDUCATION SOCIETY", a Society may be registered under Part I of Chapter XXI of the Companies Act 2013, as a Company limited by guarantee and having Share Capital.
2. The principal objects of the Company inter alia are as follows:
   1. To start nursery, primary, high schools, Pre-University courses, Degree Colleges including medical and engineering colleges;
   2. To promote technical institutions, Sanskrit pathasala, Hindi Vidyalaya and teachers training institutions;
   3. To conduct commerce Educations like computer education and connected there to;
   4. To start, manage and administer any orphanage, nursing home, hospital, library, reading rooms, schools, colleges, IT institutions, research institutions and other institutions irrespective of caste, creed or social statue and to acquire land, building for the same;
   and other main objects as stated in the Memorandum of Association of the Company under registration available at its proposed registered office.
3. A copy of the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association of the proposed company may be inspected at the proposed registered office at Sri Venkateshwara Education Society, Chikkajala, Jala Hobli, Bangalore - 562157.
4. Notice is hereby given that any person objecting to this application may communicate their objection in writing to the Registrar at Central Registration Centre (CRC), Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Plot No.6,7,8, Sector 5, IMT Manesar, District Gurgaon (Haryana), Pin Code-122050, within twenty one days from the date of publication of this notice, with a copy to the company at its registered office.

Date: 27-01-2023
Place: Bangalore

Name of Applicants
1. Vodagenahalli Muniyappa
2. Shashidhar Muniyappa
3. K M Rathnamma
4. Navya Shashidar
5. V Shivashankara Reddy
6. Raja Narayanappa
7. Pradeep Kumar L M

Karnataka Science and Technology Promotion Society
Dept. of Electronics, IT, BT and Science and Technology, GoK
SCIENCE GALLERY BENGALURU
National Centre for Biological Sciences, GKVK Campus, Bellary Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560065, India. E-mail: pmc.sgb@dbkc.in

Date: 25.01.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Only)

Karnataka Science and Technology Promotion Society (KSTePS), Bengaluru invites bids on behalf of Science Gallery Bengaluru (SGB) as per details given below :

Indent No.: SGB/ED/Tender/2022-23/2 Dt.: 25.01.2023

Particulars: Bid for the **"Design, Procurement, Fabrication, Supply & Installation of Corten Steel Cladding works"** for Science Gallery Bengaluru building through KSTePS, Dept. of Electronics, Information Technology, Bio-Technology and Science & Technology, GoK. Bengaluru Karnataka.

The Bids will be received through **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** tendering mode only. Details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal**. Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the Site Office of SGB, IVRI Campus, Hebbal Bangalore during Office hours.

1. **Last date for submission of completed tender documents: 10.02.2023 at 16:00 hours**
2. **Tentative Opening of completed tender documents received at KSTePS: 13.02.2023 at 16:30 hours**

Note: Any changes in tender conditions and calendar of events will be updated in E-procurement portal only.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. EEE/BMWND/AEE-1/2022-23/4958-59 Dated : 21.01.2023

PUBLIC CAUTION NOTICE

It is hereby notified for the information of General Public that the KPTCL has entrusted the construction of 220kV Multi Circuit line from 8 pole structure Chikkabettahalli limits Vidyaranyapura to 220kV GIS Sahakaranagar station up to Hebbal LILO point (near Kodigehalli gate) to M/s KEC International Limited.

The agency will be commencing the 220kV line work from 31.01.2023 to 28.02.2023. This line is passing through "Sahakaranagar Play ground, A - Block, CQAL Layout, 14th Main Road, 20th cross road, Balamuri Sri Siddi Vinayaka Temple, N. Damodara Road, 19th cross road, 18th cross road, Rajendra Infotech road, Sahakaranagar - Park 1, 1st Main Road, F - Block, Sahakaranagar Tennis Ground, Basketball court, Sahakaranagar Park 2, 10th cross road, F/G block road, Roller skating club, 9th A cross road, E- Block, Sahakaranagar Park-3, 5th cross road, 9th Main Road, E-Block, 4th cross road, Sahakaranagar, Byatarayanapura".

As such it is requested to co-operate with KPTCL for execution of the above work. This work will be carried out daily from morning 8:00 AM to evening 7:00 PM. During this time it is requested to the General Public not to park the vehicles below the existing 220kV line corridors and also requested not to come near the working zone of 220kV line corridor.

It is very much regretted for the inconvenience to the General Public and it is requested to please co-operate with KPTCL for early completion of work.

Hence the General public are hereby informed to keep away from the above Overhead line during execution of work in the above mentioned line route.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Elec.
BMWND, KPTCL, Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru-09

TELUGU AND SANSKRIT AKADEMI
TUMMALAGUNTA, TIRUPATI
Andhra Pradesh - 517502 Tender ID : 588604

e-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender No:07/APTA/2023, **Dt.27.01.2023**

Online tenders are invited for developing E-Commerce Portal/App for sale of Akademi publications from interested Bidders. The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly through **www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** from 27.01.2023 onwards. Last date for submission of Online Tenders is : 10.02.2023 till 5:30 PM.

Sd/- V.Ramakrishna, IRS
Director, Telugu and Sanskrit Akademi
DIPR No.1516PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt:25/01/2023

National Cooperative Development Corporation
(A statutory body under an Act of Parliament)

ADVT. No. 2/2022

Applications are invited for engagement of Young Professional-I (Marketing) on contract basis for Regional Office, Bengaluru (Karnataka). Detailed advertisement indicating eligibility criteria of age. educational qualification, experience etc. is available on **www.ncdc.in**. The applications with relevant enclosures should be sent only by mail to **ro.bangalore@ncdc.in**. Last date for submission of application is 21 days from the date of publication of the Advertisement. **CBC 66102/12/0005/2223**

Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **IIFL Home Finance Limited** (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IIFL-HFL) under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **IIFL HFL** for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon."The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, If the borrower clears the dues of the **"IIFL HFL"** together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by **"IIFL HFL"** and no further step shall be taken by **"IIFL HFL"** for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession
Mrs. L Nageshwari, Mr.Muniraju, Sms Enterprises, (Prospect No. 972930 & IL10210302)	All that piece and parcel of: No 407, Celebrity Prime Deve. With Land Area Ad Measuring 1200Sq.Ft. And Built Up Area Ad Measuring 1256 Sq.Ft., Bannerghatta Anekal Road, Kumbaranahalli, Anekal, Bangalore-562106, Karnataka, India. **Bounded By: North:** 9M Road, **East:** Site No. 406, **West:** Site No. 408, **South:** SY No. 106.	**Rs. 11,64,251/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Two Hundred Fifty One Only) **For 972930 and Rs. 27,16,731/-** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Sixteen Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty One Only) **For IL10210302**	11-Oct-2022	23-Jan-2023

For, further details please contact to Authorised Officer at **Branch Office:** "ADAM CHAMBERS," #11, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025 **or Corporate Office:** Plot No.98, Phase-IV, Udyog Vihar, Gurgaon, Haryana.

Place: Bangalore, Date: 27-01-2023 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For IIFL Home Finance Ltd.**

THE TAMILNADU CO-OP MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LTD.,
AAVIN ILLAM, 3-A, Pasumpon Muthuramalinganar Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600035.
TELEPHONE : 044-23464578-80, FAX : 044-23464562, E-MAIL:aavinmarketing@gmail.com

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (e-Submission Only)

Ref. No:3327/N/ZONE/MKG/22 **Dated:27.01.2023**

The TCMPF Ltd., invites **TWO PART TENDERS** by way of **e-Submission through eProcurement Portal** from the reputed Manufacturers / Distributors

Sl. No.	Name of the works / Items	EMD Value	Details
1.	Expression of interest for Appointment as Stockist for sale of Aavin Fermented Product for one year. **Tender Ref. No:293/WSD/MKG/2022**	Rs.1,00,000	**Tender Document Availability:-** 27.01.2023 to 14.02.2023 upto 1.00 PM **Pre-bid Meeting:-** 03.02.2023 at 4.30 P.M **E-submission End Date and Time:** 15.02.2023 at 1.00 P.M **Technical bid opening Date and time:-** 15.02.2023 at 1.30 P.M
2.	Tender invented for the Supply of Milk Cards Multi colour with Alpha numerical printing in 200 GSM thickness Maplithone paper with Height 10cm x Breadth 10cm size for one year **Tender Ref. No:3327/N/ZONE/MKG/2022**	Rs.46,000	**Tender Document Availability:-** 30.01.2023 to 13.02.2023 **Pre-bid Meeting:-** 06.02.2023 at 11.30 A.M **E-submission End Date and Time:** 14.02.2023 at 11.30 A.M **Technical bid opening Date and time:-** 14.02.2023 at 12.00 P.M

The tenderers should submit their bids only through eProcurement Portal **(https://tntenders.gov.in).** All other details can be seen in the tender documents, the tender documents can be downloaded at the above website. Corrigendum / Addendum to this publication, if any would appear only on the above said website.

The Technical bids shall be open through online e-procurement portal **(https://tntenders.gov.in)** on above date at above mentioned addressed.

DIPR/ 474 /TENDER/2023 **JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR**

" சோதனை கடந்து சாதித்திடும் அடைத்தோம் சாதனை மீண்டு சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to the information of General public, under the instruction of my client, he has entered into an agreement of sale dated 27-12-2006 with one Tavakkal Sab S/o late Mastan Sab in respect of the land bearing Old Sy.No. 6, new Sy.No. 39, measuring 2 Acre situated at Peddanapalya Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk which is morefully described in the schedule to this notice and hereinafter referred as the schedule property. My client has approached the Hon'ble Prl Senior Civil Judge & J.M.F.C, At Magadi in O.S.No. 685/2022 against the Smt. Ameenabi W/o Tavakkal Sab, Taj Unnissa W/o Tavakkal Sab and others seeking relief of Specific performance of contract dated 27-12-2006 in respect of the schedule property. The schedule property is the subject matter of the original suit in O.S.No. 685/2022 which is pending before the Hon'ble Prl Senior Civil Judge & J.M.F.C, At Magadi. The schedule property is under litigation. The said Ameenabi and Taj Unnisa both are wives of Deceased Tavakkal Sab along with their family members sold the schedule property jointly to Sri. B. Shivaramaiah S/o Sri. C. Thimmaiah, Sri. Manjunath.C S/o late Channegowda, through the registered sale deed dated 14-11-2022, bearing Doc.No. TVR-1-03300-2022-23, stored in C.D.No. TVRD1228, which is registered in the office of the Sub-register, Tavarekere,

Bangalore south taluk. Once again the said Ameenabi and Taj Unnisa along with Sri. B. Shivaramaiah S/o Sri. C. Thimmaiah, Sri. Manjunath.C S/o late Channegowda, trying to make wrongful gain for them by entering into a transaction with the third party or individual persons in respect of schedule property. Hence hereby bringing into the knowledge of general public not to enter with any transaction with the said Ameenabi, Taj Unnisa, Sri. B. Shivaramaiah S/o Sri. C. Thimmaiah, Sri. Manjunath.C S/o late Channegowda, or claiming under them, anybody dealing with the Schedule property shall do so at their own cost and risk.

Schedule Property

All the piece and parcel of Old Sy.No. 6, new Sy.No. 39, measuring 2 Acre situated at Peddanapalya Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore south Taluk and bounded on the:-

East by : Land belongs to Chikka Bhadranna.
West by : Land belongs to Venkatesh.
North by : Land belongs to Hanumakka.
South by : Land belongs to Rajashekarappa and Naganna.

ARVIND.B.PATIL, ADVOCATE
No. 4803, 8th Floor, High Point – IV,
R.C. Road, Bengaluru – 560 001
Mob. No: 9900249531

IDFC FIRST Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)
CIN : L65110TN2014PLC097792
Registered Office: KRM Towers, 8th Floor, Harrington Road, Chetpet, Chennai-600031. TEL: +91 44 4564 4000 | FAX: +91 44 4564 4022.

APPENDIX IV [Rule 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of the **IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **11.04.2021** calling upon the borrower, co-borrowers and guarantors **1.Mr.Noushad Baig, 2.Mrs.Navida Begum,** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.33,32,448.19/- (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight And Paise Nineteen Only)** as on **07.04.2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Physical Possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub – section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **21st day of January 2023.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **IDFC First Bank Limited (erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)** for an amount of **Rs.33,32,448.19/-(Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred Forty Eight And Paise Nineteen Only)** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub – Section (8) Of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable properties

All The Piece And Parcel Of The Property Consisting Of The Immovable Residential Vacant Property Bearing Site No. 10, Kasagattapura, Grama Panchayath Gramatana Khatha No. 2/1, Situated At: Soladevanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Banglore North Taluk, Including All Rights, Privileges And Appurtenances There To And Measuring East To West: 50' -0" (Fifty) Feet, North To South: 80'-0" (Eighty_ Feet, Totally Measuring 4000 Square Feet. And Bounded As: **East : Sri S. L. Narasimhamurthy's Property, West : Road, South : Sri Manjunath's Property, North : Late P. Narasimhaiah's Property**

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
IDFC First Bank Limited
(erstwhile Capital First Limited and amalgamated with IDFC Bank Limited)

Date : 21st January 2023
Place : Bangalore.
Loan Account No: 17312595.

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower(s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/ Time & Type of Possession
1	46659440000280	1) Mr. Gangappa C, 2) Mrs. Kadiramma	12.11.2022 Rs.4,78,628/- as on 10-11-2022	24.01.2023 12:50 P.M. Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: All the piece and parcel of the Property bearing new Sy.No.25/2, Old Sy.No.25 Property No.53-29-26G Situated at Shatakuntanahalli Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and **Bounded by: East:** Remaining Portion of Srinivas, **West:** Property Belongs to Nagaraju, **North:** Property belongs to Narayanappa, **South:** Road. Measuring East to 1. ¾ Guntas (East-West 11.190061x North-South 10.97226) (Total Measuring= 133.779264).			
2	46989440000303	1) Amanulla M Prop. Aman Silk 2) Arshiya Banu	12.11.2022 Rs.17,44,617/- as on 10-11-2022	24.01.2023 01:45 PM Symbolic Possession
	Description of the Property: Item No.I: All that piece and parcel of Sy.No.2/P1, situated at Vijayapura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District. **East by:** Property of Sharapuddin, **West by:** Property of our, **North by:** Public Road, **South by:** Property of our. Measuring 0-0 3/4 % guntas **Item No.2:** All that piece and parcel of Sy.No.2/P1. Situated at Vijaya Pura Village, Vijaya Pura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore District. **East by:** Property of Sharpuddin, **West by:** Property of our, **North by:** Public Road, **South by:** Property of our. Measuring 0-0 1/4 % guntas.			

Whereas, the Borrower's/ Co-borrowers'/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby is given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/ Co-borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/ Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured Assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore Rural | **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 27.01.2023 | **For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

11% drop in net profit reported by Indraprastha Gas Ltd, firm that retails CNG and piped cooking gas in the national capital and other cities, for the third quarter of FY23.

Hindenburg unfazed by legal threat

Adani Group mulls legal recourse against short-sellers damaging report by US-based firm

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ADANI GROUP is examining legal options to take "punitive action" against the US-based invest research firm Hindenburg Research after the latter published a report where it accused Adani of stock market manipulation, called the share prices of its 7 listed companies 'over valued', questioned the role of close family members among other serious allegations.

This is the third time in two days when Adani Group has issued a statement to dismiss the Hindenburg report.

Post the statements, Hindenburg hit back at Adani and said the Group did not answer a single question they raised.

"At the conclusion of our report, we asked 88 straight forward questions that we believe give the company a chance to be transparent. Thus far, Adani has not answered none of these questions. Instead, as expected, Adani has resorted to blister and threat." Hindenburg said they welcome Adani's threat as they standby the report and believe any legal taken against them would be meritless. "If Adani is serious, It should file suit in the US where we operate. We have a long list of documents we would demand in a legal discovery process," it said. The port-to-power conglomerate promoted by Gautam Adani said the report has adversely affected Adani Group, its shareholders and investors. Just before launch of the ₹20,000 crore mega follow-on public offer (FPO) of Adani Enterprises, Adani Group shares fell up to 10% in Wednesday's trading session. The combined market capitalisation of the Group stocks tanked by about ₹97,000 crore as all the 10 listed companies owned by Adani closed with a cut on Wednesday.

"Maliciously mischievous, unresearched report published by Hindenburg Research on January 24, 2023, has adversely affected Adani Group, our shareholders and investors. Volatility in Indian stock markets created by the report is of great concern and has led to unwanted anguish for Indian citizen," said Jatin Jalundhwala, Group Head - Legal, Adani Group. He added, "We are evaluating relevant provisions under US and Indian laws for remedial and punitive action against Hindenburg Research." Hindenburg, a US-based firm specialises in activist short-selling, said on Wednesday its two-year investigation revealed Adani Group has "engaged in a brazen stock manipulation and accounting fraud scheme over the course of decades".

The report details a web of Adani-family controlled offshore shell entities in tax havens spanning the Caribbean and Mauritius to the UAE, which it claims were used to facilitate corruption, money laundering and taxpayer theft, while siphoning off money from the group's listed companies.

TRUTH OR DARE

- Adani Group threatens punitive action against Hindenburg for its damning report about the company
- Hindenburg Research says it stands by the report and believes any legal taken against them would be meritless
- The research firm says Adani Group has not answered a single question (out of 88) they raised
- Report by Hindenburg accuses Adani Group of stock market manipulation among other serious charges
- Report details Adani-family controlled offshore shell entities

HALWA CEREMONY

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, along with ministry colleagues, at Halwa ceremony in North Block Thursday afternoon. Halwa ceremony marks final stage of preparation process for Union Budget 2023-24. A customary Halwa ceremony is performed every year before the "lock-in" process of Budget preparation begins. Like the previous two Union Budgets, this year will also be delivered in paperless form. Others present in the ceremony were: MOS Finance Bhagwat Karad and Pankaj Chaudhary; T V Somanathan, finance secretary & secretary expenditure; Ajay Seth, secretary of economic affairs; Tuhin Kanta Pandey, secretary, DIPAM; Sanjay Malhotra, secretary, revenue; Anantha V Nageswaran, chief economic advisor, among others. | EXPRESS

India presents lucrative opportunities in telecom, says LTIMindtree COO

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

INDIA is a significant market in LTIMindtree's rest of the world segment, which contributed 12.8% of its revenues in Q3FY23.

It grew 5.4% sequentially and 3.1% year-on-year (YoY). "India presents lucrative opportunities in areas like telecom, including 5G and in manufacturing, to name a few. We will continue to explore more opportunities in this region," LTIMindtree COO Nachiket Deshpande told this newspaper. In December quarter, North America contributed 72.3% of its revenues and Europe 14.9%.

"We are proud to have started out with a quarterly revenue run rate of over $1 billion and a robust order inflow of $1.25 billion. We reported top-quartile YoY growth in Q3 despite it being a seasonally soft quarter. We are confident in Q4, we'll be able to come back to industry-leading profitable growth story."

The company has taken bulk of the integration costs this quarter and said very minimal cost will go into the next quarter. It expects margins to claw back 200-250 bps in the fourth quarter, and the company aims to achieve an additional $1 billion in revenue and 200 bps in EBIT margin as a result of synergies over the next four to five years. LTIMindtree came into existence effective November 14, 2022.

"Both organisations have since aligned fully under the new organisational structure and vision. We are ready with a road map to realise the revenue and cost synergies presented by the merger. We expect to complete the bulk of the integration in Q4FY23," Deshpande said. When asked how client conversations are going on, Deshpande said, "We are not seeing any programme cancellations or price cuts in our portfolio. Our top 5 clients grew 17.5% YoY, top 10 grew 13.2% and top 11-20 grew 17.1%."

While some clients have deferred certain projects, some are taking relatively longer to make decisions, and baking higher caution into their spending plans.

SUZUKI MOTOR TO LAUNCH 6 BATTERY EVs FOR INDIA BY FY30

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

AS part of its growth strategy and achieve carbon neutrality by 2070 as per the target set by the government, Japan's Suzuki Motor Corporation on Thursday said it will introduce six battery electric vehicles in India by financial year 2029-2030.

In a BSE filing by its Indian arm Maruti Suzuki India, Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) said in the country it will provide not only battery EVs but also carbon-neutral internal combustion engine vehicles using CNG, biogas and ethanol mixed fuels. On its battery EV introduction plan, SMC said, "In India, we will introduce the SUV battery EV announced at the Auto Expo 2023 in FY2024, with six models to be launched by FY2030". By FY2030, the company said battery EVs will account for 15% of its total product portfolio, while internal combustion engine vehicles will be 60% and hybrid electric vehicles at 25%. The company's arm Maruti Suzuki India is the largest passenger vehicle maker by sales in the country. At the Auto Expo 2023 held earlier this month, SMC unveiled concept electric SUV 'eVX' -- slated to hit the market by 2025.

SMC also highlighted the biogas business in India as one of the key focus areas.

T+1 settlement cycle kicks in from today, to boost transactions, turnover

SACHIN KUMAR @ Mumbai

INVESTORS are set to enter a new era from Friday with implementation of T+1 settlement cycle in the Indian stock exchanges.

Introduction of a shorter settlement cycle will mean faster payments and speedier delivery of shares for investors, while for brokers and stock exchange it will result in higher turnover. The stock market was following T+2 settlement cycle earlier, under which the investors used to receive shares or dividends in their accounts in two days after the transaction. Now, under the t+1 settlement, if investors buy a stock today, it will be credited to their account tomorrow.

Switching to a shorter settlement cycle means increase in liquidity in the market as investors will get their funds one day earlier. Experts believe that with more liquidity in hands, investors will undertake more transactions which means higher turnover for brokers and stock exchanges.

"With T+1 making the whole settlement procedure faster, the investor gets more purchasing power and liquidity. We expect an organic increase in turnover," Anand James, Chief Market Strategist at Geojit Financial Services told TNIE.

With settlement cycle time reduced by half, the turnover will increase but will not double, he clarified. "After T+1 replacing T+2 settlement, essentially, shares will take half as much time as earlier to change hands, but can we expect twice as much volume as earlier? Certainly no, as that would have assumed that the majority of trades are taken with a 1-2 day horizon which is not right," said James.

India has become the first major economy to move to a T+1 market settlement cycle as the Chinese market is currently partly T+1. Indian stock market has come a long way from its earlier days of T+3 cycle in early 2000s. The capital market regulator Sebi had shortened the settlement to T+3 cycle in 2002 and then to T+2 from April 2003. "The implementation of T+1 is a major achievement for the country as India has become the first major market to implement T+1 settlement for cash market," Kamlesh Shah, President, Association of National Exchanges Members of India (ANMI) told this newspaper.

Vodafone Idea board to discuss fundraising

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@ New Delhi

LOSS-MAKING telecom operator Vodafone Idea Limited (VIL) is going to convene a meeting of Board of Director on January 31, 2023, in relation to OCDs (optionally convertible debentures) to the American Tower Company (ATC).

The telecom operator had in October 2022 approved a proposal to raise up to ₹1,600 crore from mobile tower company ATC Telecom Infrastructure by issuing OCDs, but the proposal was lapsed. Reason the telecom operator gave was no response from the government regarding the conversion of interest dues into equity. Now VIL needs fresh approval from Board members and shareholders in this regard.

In October 2022, the debt-laden telecom operator decided to pay off ₹1,600 crore dues to the American tower company by issuing OCDs, which could be converted into equity if the debt was unpaid after 18 months from the date of issue. The telecom operator had got the approval from its shareholders to go ahead with the move. The country's third-largest telecom operator is in dire need of capital. The telecom operator owes nearly ₹7,500 crore to another tower company, Indus Tower. At the same time, it has opted for a four-year moratorium on payment of spectrum dues.

Low two-wheeler volume a concern: Uno Minda chairman

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

ONE of India's largest auto component makers, Uno Minda, says various regulations brought up by the government needs to be implemented in a staggering manner as it impacts consumers' affordability, which in turn impacts sales volume. The company is hopeful two-wheeler (2W) sales will pickup as per capita vehicle ownership in India is very low as against developed nations. Nirmal K Minda, Chairman & managing director and Amit Jain, chief technology officer of Uno Minda, in an exclusive interview with this newspaper spoke about 2W sales and its impact on business and the upcoming Budget.Edited excerpts...

In ICE (internal combustion engine) segment, how are thing panning out for you given 2W sales have taken a big hit? Are you on track meeting the ₹15,000 crore revenue target for FY23?

MINDA: 73% of revenue comes from 2Ws and PVs where split is 50:50. Few year back, share of 2Ws was more. Then 17% comes from exports and 10% from aftermarket. The 2W business has taken a hit as total production came down from 22 million units in FY18-19 to 18 million now. To minimise the impact, we added new products so our kit value increased. Low volume has impacted us. We had budgeted Q3-Q4FY23 with good revenue numbers. In terms of revenue, we will be able to achieve the target or be about ₹15,000 crore figure.

Do you think 2W wheeler demand will pick up in near future?

Minda: Affordability is a big issue. In EV space, people are waiting for prices to come down to 60-70K as not many can spend ₹1 lakh. I believe 2W volume will rise given per capita vehicle ownership in India is far lower than developed nations. However, for this to come, it is important that our GDP grows, economy becomes $5 trillion in size soon and per capita income grows. There are many regulations like new OBD and new Cafe norms. This will increase cost as many parts are still not here, meaning more imports. All the regulations, be it six airbags or removal of Fame-2 incentives, should be done in staggering manner.

Do you think 2W wheeler demand will pick up in near future?

Minda: Government has taken many good initiatives in last few years. Production Linked Incentive scheme for auto component industry is one among them. But there are few suggestions that can further drive auto component industry ahead. First, improving GST structure by bringing components tax structure at standard 18% to avoid dispute and ambiguities. Secondly, there is a need to incentivise R&D in the sector by providing tax benefits.

Non-life insurance industry grows 16% in Apr-Dec'22

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@ Mumbai

THE non-life insurance industry has delivered a strong performance as it grew 16.2% in the first nine months of the current financial year compared to 11.2% in the same period last year, according to a report by Care Ratings.

Health and motor insurance were the main drivers of growth, said the report. The gross direct premium underwritten reached ₹1.87 lakh crore during the nine months of FY23, as against ₹1.61 lakh crore in the same period in FY22. The non-life insurance industry continued to report double-digit growth in December 2022 after reporting near-flat growth in September 2022. The industry reached ₹21,871.6 crore in December 2022, a 14.5% growth year-on-year.

"General Insurers' December 2022 numbers were up by 13.5%, as against an increase of 4.2% in December 2021, while for year-to-date FY23, the growth driven by the group health and motor segments, has been nearly 1.7 times that was witnessed last year," said the report.

Standalone private health insurers continued their growth path as December 2022 numbers reached ₹2,307.7 crore, up sequentially from ₹2,026.3 crore in November 2022, and up from ₹1,880.1 crore in December 2021. This monthly growth of 22.7% was significantly slower than the 41.9% reported in December 2021. Health insurance premiums have been the primary growth lever of the non-life insurance industry since the commencement of the Covid-19 pandemic. This has resulted in the segment increasing its market share from 29.1% for YTD FY21 to 35% for YTDFY23.

DRAFT IT RULES

Deadline for feedback on IT Rules extended

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

THE government has extended deadline for feedback on draft amendment to IT Rules 2021 that seeks to take down content from social media or from any platform identified as "fake" by the PIB's Fact Checking Unit by February 20.

In a notification issued late night on Thursday (January 25, 2023), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (Meity) said it decided to extend the deadline after requests from stakeholders. The amendment, inserted by Meity during the consultation of the framework on online gaming invited backlash from top media bodies including the Press Association and The Editor Guild of India. The editor's body urged the government to expunge the amendment.

The ministry clarified there is no extension in time for inviting feedback on amendment relating to online gaming, published on the ministry's website, inviting feedback from the public till January 17 and the date for which had been extended till January 25 .

BHEL bags order for renovation & modernisation of steam turbines in Gujarat

NEW DELHI: In the face of stiff competitive bidding, Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has won an order for the Renovation & Modernisation (R&M) of steam turbines at Ukai Thermal Power Station (TPS) in Gujarat. Valued at about Rs.300 Crore, the order for R&M of the 200 MW Unit-3 and the 210 MW Unit-5, has been placed on BHEL by Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited. Significantly, BHEL is also the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of these turbine sets which have been successfully operating for around 40 years, before being taken up for R&M.

Business & Beyond

Bank of Baroda Sambalpur regional office observes Swachhata Pakhwada

SAMBALPUR: Bank of Baroda, Regional Office, Sambalpur organized Swachhata Pakhwada from 16-01-2023 to 31-01-2023. On this occasion, Bank organized different kinds of programme. Under the Chairmanship of Surendra Gond, Regional Head a Walkathon was organized to provide information about the habit of cleanliness and use of Single use plastic to the City dwellers.

Digital India Sale is back with a bang

With the new year, Reliance Digital is bringing you a new reason to upgrade with India's biggest electronics sale, the 'Digital India Sale'. Get incredible offers and discounts on electronics of your choice. And that's not all! Also, get up to ₹20,000 instant discount* on all credit and debit cards till 29th January only at Reliance Digital, My Jio Stores and on www.reliancedigital.in.

Rashford stars as Man Utd crush Forest

Marcus Rashford scored a dazzling solo goal as Manchester United beat Nottingham Forest 3-0 in the first leg of their League Cup semifinal on Wednesday to virtually book a place at Wembley next month. The England man, enjoying a purple patch, netted his 18th goal of the season in the sixth minute to silence an expectant crowd at the City Ground.

SAI sanctions Zagreb trip, top wrestlers likely to skip Ranking Series

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

EVEN as the Government of India on Thursday approved the participation of wrestlers for the Zagreb Open Ranking Series in Croatia, the country's top wrestlers including Bajrang Punia (65kg) and Vinesh Phogat (53kg) are unlikely to compete at the event.

The oversight committee (OC) formed by the sports ministry recommended a 55-member team including 36 wrestlers (11 Greco-Roman, 12 women's wrestling and 13 freestyle) for the tournament scheduled from February 1 to 5 at full cost to the government.

The list also has names of 2020 Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Ravi Dahiya (57kg) and 2019 World Championships silver medallist Deepak Punia (86kg). However, indications are that wrestlers, who recently staged an unprecedented protest against the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh accusing him of sexual harassment, may skip the event despite being named in the team. Incidentally, all these wrestlers were quite vocal against Singh during the agitation.

The entry list comprising 38 grapplers (14 freestyle and 12 each in women and GR categories) was sent for the tournament by the WFI before the protest forced the ministry to direct the federation to suspend its activities and constitute an oversight committee to probe the allegations against Singh. As it is ranking series, two names were also sent for a few categories in three styles.

"It's difficult for the wrestlers who had joined the protest. Since they have not trained for quite a few days, they are not in a position to compete as well," said an official in the know of things. As is reported by this newspaper, Bajrang, his wife Sangeeta Phogat (62kg) and Jitender Kinha (79kg) had already taken back their passports before the protest. Apparently, even Sarita (59kg) is ill and communicated the same to the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Even Anshu Malik (57kg) is still recuperating from the elbow surgery, which also puts her in doubt.

It should be noted that the WFI has selected gold medallists of the 2022 national championships for the tournament apart from adding names of top wrestlers.

Friday crucial

The SAI has started the process to procure visas for Croatia, which this year became a Schengen nation. It was learnt that the passports of the wrestlers have already been submitted but a few applications did not have mandatory insurance, which may create problems. "The SAI has Friday only as the Embassy will be closed for the next two days. If the union ministry of external affairs swings into action then only visas can be procured otherwise it will be difficult to get them in time," said a source.

Women's coaches

As many as nine coaches (3 for each style) will accompany wrestlers. As reported by this daily, the women's team will be without its head coach Jitender Yadav. The team will also have physiotherapists and masseuse apart from an acupuncture specialist and a manager. Three Indian referees will also leave with the team for the event.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

HARYANA WRESTLERS UNITE?

Meanwhile, it was learnt that the wrestlers met in Haryana on Tuesday night to discuss their future move. Sources informed that Bajrang and Vinesh were present in the meeting, where it was decided that the Haryana wrestlers will not compete in any international and national events if their demands were not met. They are apparently looking at all possibilities that could arise out of the enquiry.

GERMAN GRIT AND MENTAL STRENGTH

Emphasis on mental aspect of the game, training to keep calm during big moments reasons behind strong show

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Bhubaneswar

Germany made an stunning comeback to edge England in the quarterfinals on Wednesday | EXPRESS

IN the space of 150 madcap seconds, all German sporting tropes had come to life. Efficiency. Coming back from a 0-2 deficit to win. Playing badly but still advancing. Punishing indiscipline. Mentality monsters. Missing a penalty but still not letting it affect the final outcome. Beating England. Beating England in a shoot-out.

Ever so incredulously, it's also a welcome return to the status quo after a few years of losing big games (bronze medal match against India at the 2021 Olympics, losing the shoot-out in the EuroNations finals against Netherlands in 2021 and losing to Belgium in the quarterfinals of the 2018 World Cup).

For folks who missed the ending on Wednesday, a recap. England thoroughly dominated the first 55 minutes. Germany decided to remove their keeper to go with 11 outfield players to England's 10 to gain a numerical advantage. They had already missed a penalty but got a sniff through skipper Mats Grambusch's field goal. Then, Zachary Wallace's indiscipline cost him a green. 11 vs 10 outfielders had become 11 vs 9 outfielders. England were suddenly hanging on and the pressure told as Mats' younger brother, Tom, tucked away a stroke with some 100 seconds remaining. They almost stole it at the death but they spurned the chance from a penalty corner. In the shoot-out, they were flawless to win 4-3.

Watching it unfold in real time and one couldn't help but slightly twist Gary Linekar's famous quote. "Hockey is a simple game. Twenty-two men hit a ball for 60 minutes and at the end, the Germans always win." Now, this is only partly true. Germany used to be one of the undisputed kings of the sport but there has been a change in the world order over the last 10 years.

Between the 1992 Olympics and the 2012 Olympics, they won everything. Not once. But at least twice. Three Olympic gold, two World Cups and four Euro Nations. Since those London Games in 2012, they have zero World Cup medals, one Olympic medal (third in Brazil) and zero Euro Nations titles. After dining exclusively at Michelin star restaurants, they had to settle for takeaway.

Coach Andre Henning almost outright dismissed that bronze in Brazil, saying that they have had to retrain as they try to get back to the sport's top table.

"Yeah, I don't know if it was honestly a German style in the last few years. I think we kind of had lost it and we retrained it probably," he said when asked how they keep winning from almost hopeless positions.

"... mental strength is something you can train like athletic strength, tactical strength and technical strength... It's like people working around the team like mental coaches. We talk a lot about how we prepare those things. We know that these crucial moments are coming and we discuss it."

After the match, Christopher Ruhr made the point that 'it's (mental resilience) in our DNA'. While that may be true — there are enough sporting examples to come to that conclusion — the work they do behind the scenes is also important.

They have in place behavioral sessions to identify how players react in certain conditions including but not limited to mishits, losing duels and firing wide from a penalty stroke. Henning explains. "Some guys have support from mental coaches. If some things don't work, like you miss the first five balls or you lose the first duel or make a stupid mistake... are you just hiding on the pitch and running away or are you still confident? Do you believe in yourself? It seems very easy, but of course it isn't."

They also train in such a way that when they walk up to begin the process of taking the shoot-out, all the players try to have low heart rates. Grambusch explains. "Yeah we do that (mental training exercises)," he says. "We got a person responsible for that. When we do the shoot-out, we have some exercises that deal with calming ourselves. Things like that.

"Calming ourselves means calming your heart rate. About breathing, I think you guys know it from yoga. That's actually what we do as well. When it's your turn, you first calm yourselves (in terms of breathing, get your heart rate low) and then go for it."

Henning, who has been compared to some of his more illustrious compatriots like Jurgen Klopp and Julian Nagelsmann, gets more intimate. "I am the umpire and that's provocation enough that the guys lose their minds sometimes. But yeah, of course, we try to implement that in training sessions well, but I don't know if you really can train it on the pitch. It's more like preparing. So we really try to prepare those things and know what to do and yeah, just have some rules." Those rules, like they implemented in the England game, revolve around stuff like maintaining discipline, not chasing a game very early, discussing how to approach pressure situations and not wavering too much from the plan even when the pressure is very high. Henning, who doubles up as a part-time motivational speaker, explains. "There's nothing super exciting happening in the training session. To be honest with you, we plan for all scenarios. We plan for scenarios where we are 2-0 down within five minutes. It's about having a plan in your pocket." Against England, they faced the exact same situation but prevailed. While Henning is happy, he makes the point that they haven't been able to win those kind of games in the recent past. "It's been 10 years and we haven't been able to win the big trophy. So, if you lose and lose and lose the big games, then it gets more difficult. Getting out of this loop is very difficult. I don't know if it's any kind of rocket science, it's just preparing and talking. I have special sessions."

And, like Ruhr says, never ever giving up. "When you give up, you end up losing games. And we don't want to lose."

Nobody wants to lose. Germany, though, want to marry professional excellence and mental resilience, both of which have deserted them in the sport in recent times.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Chile 0-8 Argentina; Wales 2-2 France (Wales won 2-1 in penalty shoot-out); South Africa 6-3 Malaysia; Japan 0-8 India.

TODAY'S MATCHES (ALL SEMIS)

Australia **vs** Germany | **4.30 pm**

Belgium **vs** Netherlands | **7 pm**

India and Japan players vie for the ball during their clash on Thursday | EXPRESS

India crush Japan 8-0

AGENCIES @Rourkela

AFTER 'a tough 72 hours', in the words of coach Graham Reid, India belatedly showcased the kind of hockey that had been missing for vast parts of their World Cup campaign. Dumped out of the crossover stage after a shoot-out against New Zealand, the hosts treated the sell-out crowd to a flurry of goals, from both penalty corners as well as field goals. After a goalless first two stanzas, the floodgates finally opened thanks to a deflection from Mandeep Singh following a short corner from Harmanpreet Singh. The midfielders enjoyed themselves as Japan wilted away in the second half.

Reid refuses to commit future to India

Coach Graham Reid has refused to commit his future to the Indian team. When asked if he was committed to the team till the Asian Games and beyond, he said: "I have signed a contract through to the end of Paris (Olympics). But you know we will review, i assume after this (World Cup). But I'm focussed on the next game (vs South Africa)." He was speaking to the media after the end of the game against Japan.

RANJI TROPHY

Returning Jadeja in seventh heaven

ENS @Chennai

Ravindra Jadeja in action against TN on Thursday | ASHWIN PRASATH

THE Ranji Trophy match between Tamil Nadu and Saurashtra has turned into a sub plot, somewhat incidental. The entire focus right from Day 1 has been on one man. Ravindra Jadeja seemed to be the protagonist and his performance has turned into the main plot. With the Australia series in the offing and Jadeja's role in the India team, it would have been futile to deter from the central character of the match.

As if destined, Jadeja tweaked the ball enough to scalp seven victims in the second innings on a Chepauk wicket that spun, kicked and kept low as well. There was no wobble in the knee, literally, and whatever wobble that was visible was in the Tamil Nadu team and its batters. He bowled for 12 overs at a stretch — a good enough indicator that he can bowl long spells for India.

Jadeja's knee seemed fine. And in the process, Jadeja restricted the hosts to 133, another reflection of their inconsistent Ranji run this season, and has given his team a fair chance to chase 262 for an outright victory.

In the balmy evening, as the sea breeze rolled across the MA Chidambaram Stadium, Jadeja strode towards the team's corner with satisfaction beaming on his face.

Reluctantly he spoke with the waiting media persons, but one word he kept stressing was "feeling good", perhaps a message for the selectors on his physical fitness.

"Yes, feeling very good," he said. "I am playing this game after a long time... so feeling very good now." For him Ranji test was fine, and he said as much, "Hopefully, I am good to go now. It was tough on Day 1, but after that as the game progressed, I was feeling good." That perhaps is good news for India.

"I am used to bowling long spells, so that is not new to me. I was enjoying, even the ball was turning, so was enjoying it. The pitch was assisting me you know. When we were batting the odd ball was turning, it was keeping low." When asked about bowling that 12-over spell, he said, "I was keen to bowl long spells. And luckily I got wickets." Jadeja said he felt he was almost there. "It is just a matter of a bit more confidence," he said. "Luckily I bowled enough overs in the match (some 37)."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

SELECT SCORES: **Group A:** At Kolkata: Odisha 265 vs Bengal 100 in 35.5 ovs (Suryakant 3/45, Roul 3/19) & (f/o) 220/3 (Easwaran 94 batting, Gharami 50, Tiwary 50 batting; Roul 2/55). **Group B:** At Vizianagaram: Assam 113 & 153 in 54.1 ovs (L Mohan 5/40) lost to Andhra 361; At Hyderabad: Hyderabad 355 & 90/5 in 31 ovs (Rana 4/27) vs Delhi 433 in 100.5 ovs (Badoni 191, Rana 58; Anikethreddy 5/143, Goud 4/87); At Chennai: Tamil Nadu 324 & 133 in 36.1 ovs (Jadeja 7/53, D Jadeja 3/64) vs Saurashtra 192 & 4/1. **Group C:** At Jamshedpur: Jharkhand 164 & 201 in 78.5 ovs (Gowtham 5/75, Koushik 3/21) lost to Karnakata 300 & 66/1 in 18.1 ovs (Jose 42 n.o); At Pondicherry: Pondicherry 371 & 34/1 vs Kerala 286 in 113 ovs (Chandran 70; Udeshi 5/62). **Group D:** At Ahmedabad: Railways 508 bt Gujarat 205 in 59.1 ovs (H Sangwan 4/75, Karn 3/38) and (f/o) 247 in 69.3 ovs (Het 84; Akash 6/65).

Hardik & Co eye good show

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INDIA are set for a T20 appetiser ahead of their marquee Test series against Australia when they face New Zealand in a three-match series beginning here on Friday. With less than two weeks left for the Border Gavaskar Trophy matches against Australia that will determine India's World Test Championship Final fate, a T20 series in the midst of a packed ODI calendar ahead of the 50-over World Cup may seem purposeless.

As a result, Hardik Pandya is back leading the T20 side with some regulars and fringe players in the squad. **Live on Star Sports Network from 7:30 PM.**

EXPRESS READ

Injured Gaikwad ruled out of NZ T20I series

RANCHI: Ruturaj Gaikwad has been ruled out of the T20I series against New Zealand due to a wrist injury. The 24-year-old has been sent to the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru for rehabilitation.Gaikwad has played one ODI and nine T20s. He last played for India in October when he made his ODI debut against South Africa.

Electric Dembele fires Barca to Copa semis

BARCELONA: Ousmane Dembele's strike, capping a brilliant individual display, helped Barcelona beat Real Sociedad 1-0, and reach the Copa del Rey semifinals. Dembele struck in the 52nd minute to power the record 31-time winners through against 10-man La Real, who had Brais Mendez sent off late in the first half.

Guarrotxena's treble lifts Goa into 3rd spot

MARGAO: Iker Guarrotxena scored a hat-trick inside the opening quarter, the fastest of this season, to lift FC Goa up into third place in the ISL standings after a 4-2 victory over East Bengal FC here. The 12-minute salvo from Guarrotxena took his goal tally into double figures and propelled the Spaniard to the top of the goalscoring charts.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Rybakina and Sabalenka to fight for big prize

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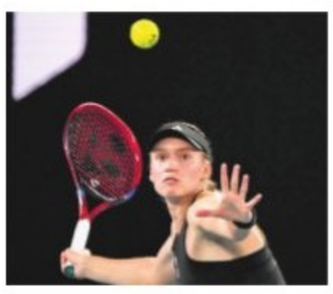

Sabalenka (L) will be contesting her first Major final. Rybakina in action on Thursday

WHAT all seemed so different, so daunting, even, about trying to win a Grand Slam title to Elena Rybakina a little more than six months ago is now coming rather naturally.

And if she can win one more match, she will add a championship at the Australian Open to the one she collected at Wimbledon.

Rybakina, a 23-year-old who represents Kazakhstan, reached her second final in a span of three major tournaments by beating Victoria Azarenka 7-6 (4), 6-3 at Melbourne Park on Thursday, signaling a rapid rise toward the top of tennis. "Everything was new at Wimbledon," Rybakina said after hitting nine aces in the semifinals to raise her tournament-leading total to 44. "Now I more or less understand what to expect."

That could come in handy on Saturday, when she will face No 5 seed Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus. Sabalenka reached her first Grand Slam title match at age 24 by beating unseeded Magda Linette 7-6 (1), 6-2 in Thursday's second semifinal.

Sabalenka improved to 10-0 in 2023, winning all 20 sets she's contested this season.

More importantly, the victory over Linette gave Sabalenka her first taste of success in a Slam semi after going 0-3 at that stage until now, losing each previous attempt by a 6-4 score in the third set. Rybakina and Sabalenka employ a somewhat similar brand of tennis, relying on big serves and big hitting at the baseline. Sabalenka is far less cautious, though, and her penchant for high-risk, high-reward play was evident against Linette, who had never before been past the third round in 29 appearances at majors.

Sabalenka finished with a whopping 33-9 edge in winners, but also compiled more unforced errors — including a trio that led to a break at love by Linette in the opening game.

The key to both semifinals turned out to be a first-set tiebreaker.

Azarenka lost the mark on her strokes, for the most part, making things smoother for Rybakina, while Sabalenka raced to a 6-0 lead in hers. It wasn't the case that each and every shot Sabalenka hit landed right on a line, but it must have seemed that way to Linette.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Women's singles: Semifinals: Elena Rybakina (KAZ x22) bt Victoria Azarenka (BLR x24) 7-6 (4), 6-3; Aryna Sabalenka (BLR x5) bt Magda Linette (POL) 7-6 (1), 6-2.

Friday's fixtures

Men's singles: Semifinals: K Khachanov vs S Tsitsipas (GRC) 9AM; N Djokovic (SRB) vs T Paul (USA) 2PM.

Mixed doubles: Final: S Mirza/R Bopanna (IND) vs L Stefani/R Matos (BRA) @ 6AM.

Europe's JUICE spacecraft is all ready to embark on an eight-year odyssey through the Solar System to find out whether the oceans hidden under the surface of Jupiter's icy moons have the potential to host extraterrestrial life

A federal agency said it is reinstating restrictions on road-building and logging on the country's largest national forest in southeast Alaska, the latest move in a long-running fight over the Tongass National Forest

REPORT DELVES INTO PATTERNS OF MASS ATTACK

GUN CONTROL

WASHINGTON: As the nation reels from a week of high-profile shootings, a new report on mass attacks calls for communities to intervene early when they see warning signs of violence, encourages businesses to consider workplace violence prevention plans and highlights the connection between domestic violence, misogyny and mass attacks.

The report released on Wednesday by the US Secret Service's National Threat Assessment Center analysed 173 mass attacks carried out over a five-year period from January 2016 to December 2020 in public or semi-public places such as businesses, schools or churches. It was released as the US experienced a particularly deadly start to the new year that has left 39 people dead in six mass killings, including one this week in Monterey Park, California, that left 11 people dead at a dance hall as they welcomed in the Lunar New Year.

"It's just happening way too often," said Lina Alathari, the center's director, during a news conference ahead of the report's release. Alathari said that while the centre had not specifically studied the shootings that took place this week, there are themes seen "over and over again" when analysing mass attacks. The report is the latest in a series undertaken by the centre to look at the problem of mass attacks. While previous reports examined the specific years of 2017, 2018 and 2019, the new report noted that it analysed multiple years of data and gives more "in-depth analysis of the thinking and behaviour of mass attackers."

The centre defines a mass attack as one in which three or more people—not including the attacker—were harmed. Almost all the attacks were carried out by one person, 96% of attackers were men and the attackers ranged in age from 14 to 87.

The report noted nearly two-thirds of attackers exhibited behaviours or communications "that were so concerning, they should have been met with an immediate response." It said these concerns were often shared with law enforcement, employers, school staff or parents. But in one-fifth of the cases, the concerning behaviour wasn't relayed to anyone "in a position to respond, demonstrating a continued need to promote and facilitate bystander reporting." The report called for attention toward domestic violence and misogyny, noting nearly half of the attackers studied had a history of domestic violence, misogynistic behaviour or both.

A BRIEF STOPOVER

Thousands of ranes rest in the Agamon Hula Lake area of the Hula Valley in northern Israel, on their seasonal migration route from Europe to Africa on Thursday | AFP

AFGHAN MALNUTRITION RATES AT RECORD HIGH

HEALTH

KABUL: Malnutrition rates in Afghanistan are at record highs with half the country enduring severe hunger throughout the year, a spokesman for the World Food Programme said on Thursday. The Taliban takeover in August 2021 drove millions into poverty and hunger after foreign aid stopped almost overnight.

Sanctions on Taliban rulers, a halt on bank transfers and frozen billions in Afghanistan's currency reserves restricted access to global institutions and the outside money that supported the country's aid-dependent economy before the withdrawal of US and NATO forces. "Half of Afghanistan endures severe hunger throughout the year, regardless of the season, and malnutrition rates are at a record high for Afghanistan," said Phillipe Kropf, a spokesman for the UN food agency in Kabul.

Afghans are not starving to death, he said, but they have no resources left to stave off the humanitarian crisis.

N-powered rocket for Mars mission

SPACE

NASA is partnering with a Pentagon research agency to develop a nuclear-powered rocket engine in preparation for sending astronauts to Mars. NASA Administrator Bill Nelson said on Tuesday that the US space agency will team up with the Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency to "develop and demonstrate advanced nuclear thermal propulsion technology as soon as 2027." "Astronauts could journey to and from deep space faster than ever—a major capability to prepare for crewed missions to Mars," Nelson said. DARPA is the Pentagon's research and development arm and has played a role in many of the notable innovations of the 20th century including the internet. NASA said nuclear thermal rockets can be more efficient than conventional chemical propulsion and would reduce transit time, essential for an eventual mission to Mars.

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